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WARNING!

The intergalactic marauder Thanos has reportedly been detected in the vicinity of Earth once again!

Not only that, he's come with a group of evil cohorts known as The Black Order. One in particular, **PROXIMA MIDNIGHT**, has been spotted in the greater metropolitan area. If you see her or anyone who may be associated with Thanos and his band of miscreants, please report them immediately to the nearest police officer or super hero.

September 11, 2013

Hey, I'm Luke Cage. I used to lead a team of Avengers, but now I'm looking to focus my time on my family. However, a guy doesn't just stop being a hero, so if you need any help, I've restarted my old business, "HEROES FOR HIRE." I'm strong, I've got unbreakable skin, and I've been at this for a while. My associates, all Avengers Academy graduates, and I are happy to help AND to negotiate, so please don't hesitate to call. For references, please feel free to contact any of the following former customers:

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BEHOLD. AN EARTH WITHOUT *AVENGERS.*

OFF THEY CHARGE TO RESCUE OTHER WORLDS, LEAVING THEIR *OWN* EXPOSED AND FRAGILE AS A NEWBORN BABY'S SKULL...

SUCH GENEROSITY MUST BE *REWARDED*, LORD THANOS. THERE IS A CITY ON THIS BACKWARD ORB YOUR ENEMIES CALL *HOME*, IS THERE NOT?

"NEW YORK."

LET ME *KILL* IT FOR YOU.

A *KIND* OFFER, PROXIMA, BUT...NO. YOUR BUSINESS IS IN *ATLANTIS*--THE CARNAGE BREWING THERE WILL DOUBTLESS APPEAL.

NEW YORK IS EARMARKED FOR YOUR *BROTHER-IN-ARMS* AND HIS *POISON TONGUE*. HIS WAY IS LESS *DIRECT* THAN YOURS, PERHAPS--BUT IT IS *SURE*.

IF WHAT I SEEK *IS* IN THE AVENGERS' CITY, THE EBONY MAW *WILL* FIND IT.

PFFFT. THE *MAW*...

A *BOON*, LORD THANOS.

LET ME GO IN WITH THE MAIN ASSAULT ON THE CITY. *DROP CAPSULES*--A SPOILER FORCE, TO DRAW FIRE AWAY FROM MY BROTHER'S SNAPPABLE *NECK*.

BY THE TIME YOU NEED ME IN THE SEA KING'S COLD PALACES, I WILL HAVE CRUSHED THEIR *RESISTANCE*. KILLED THEIR LAST *CHAMPIONS*. EATEN THEIR *HEART*.

AFTER *THAT*... THE MAW CAN LICK UP THE *MESS*.

AH, PROXIMA. MY DEAR *MIDNIGHT*.

HOW CAN I POSSIBLY *REFUSE*?

PLUNDER IS MY NAME!

PLUNDER IS MY GAME!

I AM THE PLUNDERFUL PIRATE OF PILLAGE, *FEASTING* ON YOUR ILL-GUARDED BOOTY! *FABULOUS PYTHON* IN A WORLD OF TASTY, SQUEAKING *MICE!*

SET YOUR PLUNDER RAYS TO *KILL*, MY HEARTY HENCHMEN! IN THE NAME OF *THE PLUNDERER--*

KILL THE HEROES FOR HIRE!

"PLUNDER RAYS"?

YOU KNOW THOSE PLUNDER RAYS *STING* LIKE A--

--NNNGH!

DAMN!

SO LEARN TO *DODGE*, OLD MAN--

BOSS MAN.

AS IN I SIGN YOUR CHECKS.

I PAY YOUR DENTAL.

DENTAL--

--IS IMPORTANT.

WHOOK

TSS!

LUKE CAGE
UNBREAKABLE.

I DON'T--

--EVEN KNOW--

WHITE TIGER
GOD-POWERED MARTIAL ARTIST.

--IF I WANT THIS JOB--

BEATING UP ON CHUMPS?

WHAT JOB DO YOU WANT?

POWER MAN
WIELDS THE CHI OF NEW YORK.

DAMN HENCHMEN! NEVER ANY PANACHE!

DO EVERYTHING MYSELF--

EXCUSE ME.

PARNIVAL, ISN'T IT?

THAT CRATE FULL OF ***ROBOT PARTS*** YOU'RE TRYING TO PILFER, PARNIVAL?

SPIDERBOT PARTS. BELONGING TO ***ME.***

ENGAGING ***THIS*** SHODDY GANG OF MERCENARIES IS ***ONE*** THING, BUT DID YOU ***HONESTLY*** THINK YOU COULD STEAL--

--FROM THE SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN

OTTO OCTAVIUS
(SHHH. NOBODY KNOWS.)

OOOFF--

...SORRY, THE ***WHAT-NOW*** SPIDER-MAN?

YOU'RE GETTING ***WORSE***, YOU KNOW THAT?

WAIT, ***WHAT*** DID HE JUST CALL US--?

MERCENARIES. FROM THE LATIN MERCENARIUS-- HIRELING, OR MINION.

OR HENCHMAN!

HUSH, PARNIVAL.

ONE MOTIVATED PURELY BY MONEY. HEROES FOR HIRE-- SAYS IT ALL, DOESN'T IT?

IT ALL GOT SAID A LONG TIME AGO, WEBS--

SPIDER-MAN.

SHOW SOME RESPECT.

LISTEN TO YOUR INTERN, CAGE.

YOUR GRUBBY LITTLE OPERATION CAN FIND SOME OTHER COMPANY TO SPONGE OFF. HORIZON LABS IS UNDER MY PROTECTION.

WELL, THEY DIDN'T HIRE YOU, SO--

THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO.

FOR SOME OF US, HEROISM IS ITS OWN REWARD...

A DAY'S PAY FOR A DAY'S WORK AIN'T HEROIC ENOUGH FOR YOU? MUST BE NICE.

HELL, YOU'RE ON THE TONY STARK DOLLAR--

WELL, I'M AN AVENGER. THAT LEVEL OF SERVICE SHOULD COME WITH A FEW PERKS.

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU SAVED THE WORLD, CAGE?

HEY, YOU GO AHEAD AND SAY SOME OF THAT TO MY FACE, SEE WHAT YOU--

GOD! ENOUGH!

SPIDER-MAN'S RIGHT. I DIDN'T PUT THIS MASK ON FOR A PAYCHECK.

I BECAME THE WHITE TIGER TO HONOR MY FAMILY AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD.

THAT HAS TO MEAN MORE THAN GUARDING CRATES.

WHAT? TIGER, COME ON--YOU CAN'T JUST--

CONSIDER THIS MY RESIGNATION, MISTER CAGE.

YOU HAPPY NOW? HUH? YOU GOT WHAT YOU WANTED?

'CAUSE YOU ABOUT TO GET--

YES, THANK YOU.

I DID GET WHAT I WANTED.

WHAT--

I GOT A VERY BRIGHT YOUNG LADY TO RECONSIDER A LIFE OF PAID THUGGERY. I'D CALL THAT A WIN.

ALTHOUGH, IF YOU DO HAPPEN TO SEE HER AGAIN, YOU SHOULD LET HER KNOW...

THWIP

...MY ORGANIZATION IS ALWAYS HIRING.

COME, PARNIVAL.

YEAH? WELL, YOUR BUTT IS ALWAYS HIRING!

ALWAYS HIRING ME TO KICK IT!

AND IT THINKS MY RESUME IS AWESOME!

YOU ALREADY GOT A JOB, KID.

COME ON. LET'S HEAD BACK INTO MANHATTAN, GET A COFFEE.

...

SURE.

"MAYBE THERE'S SOMEBODY THERE I CAN *HIT.*"

BEE! ELL! YOU! EE!

B-L-U-E!

BLUE STREAK!

--CRAZY BASTARD'S GONNA *KILL* SOMEONE--

ALL CARS, HE'S HEADED FOR THE *ROADBLOCK*-- WE'VE GOT HIM *TRAPPED*--

BOOM!

DAMN IT--

CAN'T CATCH THE *BLUE STREAK!*

AND THE *CROWD*-- IS *GOING*--*WILD!* THEY HAVE *NEVER* SEEN THE LIKE!

COULD THE RUMORS BE *TRUE* OF A LOVE CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS HANDSOME DAREDEVIL AND... *KATY PERRY?*

WE COULDN'T POSSIBLY COMMENT!

BLUE STREAK!

BUT WE CAN *CATEGORICALLY* STATE THAT THERE'S *NOTHING* FASTER THAN--

--WAIT, WHAT THE HELL...?

ACTUALLY? *LIGHT* IS FASTER.

AAHHH!

MUCH FASTER. ABOUT A QUARTER OF A MILLION MILES PER *SECOND* FASTER.

YOU KNOW WHAT *ELSE* IS THAT FAST?

X-RAYS. MICROWAVES. GAMMA RADIATION. ANYTHING ON THE *ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM.* ANYTHING I CAN *BE.*

THERE ARE A LOT OF WAYS THIS CAN END, BLUE STREAK.

MOST OF THEM INVOLVE A *LEAD COFFIN.*

GET AWAY FROM ME--

BUT I'M TRYING NOT TO BE THE SCARY-ANGRY LEAD COFFIN LADY ANYMORE.

I'M TRYING TO *REBRAND.*

SO I'M GOING TO BE *NICE* TO YOU.

SNAP!

WHOOOOOOOM

KRAK

OW.

...AND LET'S GO AHEAD AND ADD THAT *WINDSHIELD* TO THE CRIMINAL DAMAGE CHARGES, WHY NOT?

WHAT? THAT WASN'T ME! THAT WAS *HER!* LIGHT-LADY! WHATSERNAME!

GEEZ, WHERE *YOU* BEEN, LOSING STREAK? DON'CHA READ THE *MAGAZINES?*

SHE'S CALLED *SPECTRUM* NOW.

SPECTRUM
LIVING LIGHT. LIVING POWER.
AR

LUC
Costumier

SO! 'OW WAS ZE TEST DRIVE?

FANTASTIC. THE NEW COSTUME LOOKS EVEN BETTER THAN THE OLD ONE.

IT DOES KIND OF RIDE UP A LITTLE, JUST HERE-- BUT IN LIGHT FORM THAT'S NOT SUCH A--

N'IMPORTE QUOI! I WILL MAKE ZE ALTERATIONS IMMEDIATEMENT! NOTHING IS TOO MUCH TROUBLE FOR MONICA RAMBEAU!

IN FACT, I 'AVE UN TRENCH ZAT WOULD SET OFF ZE WHOLE ENSEMBLE TO PERFECTION--

NO MORE TRENCH COATS, LUC.

YOU USED TO LIKE ZE TRENCH COATS.

AH! AND ZAT REMINDS ME--ZERE WAS A MAN CAME BY EARLIER. 'E SAID YOU WOULD KNOW 'IM.

UN AMOUREUX, PEUT-ÊTRE...?

OH, NO. I'M NOT SEEING ANYONE RIGHT NOW.

AND YOU CAN FORGET ABOUT PLAYING MATCHMAKER, LUC. I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE LIKE--

AH, MAIS IL ÉTAIT SI PASSIONNÉ! SO INTENSE! AND ALL ZE MUSCLES!

JUST CUT IT OUT AND TELL ME WHAT HE...

...WANTED...

ME? NOT MUCH.

A LITTLE HELP SAVING THE WORLD.

LONG TIME NO SEE, MONICA.

...NOT LONG ENOUGH.

coffee
cafe
I CAN'T BELIEVE AVA JUST WALKED *AWAY* LIKE THAT...
WEBS WAS THE ONE CAUGHT HER FAMILY'S *KILLER.* HIS WORD MEANS A *LOT* TO HER.
STARK
SO, WHAT, HE TURNS UP AND SUDDENLY WE DON'T *COUNT?*
GNN
AVENGERS SEEN LEAVING NYC ON UNKNOWN MISSION
AND I LIKE HOW *YOU* DID SO MUCH TO STOP HER, "MISTER CAGE." STANDING THERE NOT SAYING A DAMN *WORD--*
WELL, MAYBE SHE HAD A *POINT.*
WE *SHOULD* BE DOING MORE.
OH, SO THE POSTERIOR SPIDER-HOLE WAS RIGHT *ALL ALONG,* HUH?
JUST SWINGS BY ON HIS WEB MADE OF *MAYOR MONEY,* TELLING US HE'S *SUPERIOR,* CALLING US *THUGS--* THINK I DIDN'T *HEAR* THAT?
MAN GETS HIS OWN *ISLAND,* BUT SOON AS *WE* TRY AND DO MORE THAN STARVE--
BREEDEEP
HANG ON. TEXT FROM JESS.
LOOK, I *HEAR* YOU. ONCE UPON A TIME, I'D HAVE PUT SPIDEY THROUGH A *WALL* FOR THAT NOISE. I'D HAVE SOLD *TICKETS.*
BUT...

NEED BABY WIPES & MILK. CAN U GET?

--J XXX :)

...I'M JUST NOT IN THAT *PLACE* ANYMORE.

HERE'S HOW IT IS.

EVERYTHING--*EVERYTHING*--IS ABOUT MY *DAUGHTER* RIGHT NOW. IT'S ALL DANIELLE. HER AND HER MOTHER, THEY'RE MY *WHOLE WORLD.*

I QUIT THE *AVENGERS* FOR THEM.

LEMME SAY THAT AGAIN CASE YOU DIDN'T HEAR IT. I *QUIT LEADING* THE *AVENGERS.*

AND NOW... NOW I'M DOING *THIS.*

JUST LIKE THE *OLD DAYS.* TAKING CASES, BREAKING FACES. HELL, I'M EVEN TRAINING UP THE *NEXT* GENERATION OF ODD-COUPLE SUPER PRIVATE EYES.

LIKE I'M STILL THAT SAME PERSON I *WAS...*

AND DANIELLE'S *WALKING* NOW. MY BABY GIRL IS GROWING UP SO DAMN *FAST.*

AND I'M LOOKING AT THE WORLD SHE'S GROWING UP *INTO.* WHAT SHE'LL HAVE TO *FACE* IN HER LIFE. AND *EVERYTHING* I SEE...

THIS IS *NOT* THE WORLD I WANT. NOT FOR HER.

IT *NEEDS* TO *CHANGE.*

AND I CAN DO MORE *ABOUT* THAT. I CAN *MEAN* MORE.

THIS THING... IT *CAN'T* JUST BE GUARDING CRATES. PUNCHING DUDES NAMED PARNIVAL.

THAT AIN'T *ENOUGH* NOW.

YEAH, I GOT IT. *HEROES FOR HIRE* IS JUST SOME WORTHLESS $#!% TO YOU AND YOU WISH YOU WERE AN *AVENGER* AGAIN. I HEAR YOU JUST *FINE*, "MISTER CAGE."

COME ON, KID, AIN'T LIKE THAT--

YOU KNOW WHAT? *YOU* QUIT.

YOU GO BEG *TONY STARK* FOR YOUR OLD JOB BACK. GO FIGHT DUDES ON *MARS* AND *GIANT BRAINS* AND WHATEVER. WE'LL DO FINE *WITHOUT* YOU.

MAYBE I'LL *START* MY OWN AVENGERS, ONE ACTUALLY *GIVES* A DAMN...

VIC-- THAT'S WHAT I'M *TRYING* TO--

...HELL.

DANNY, DANNY, DANNY.

YOU KNOW I GOT LOVE FOR YOU, MAN...

...BUT THAT KID IS OFFICIALLY YOUR PROBLEM NOW.

"*LOVE?*

NEED BABY WIPES & MILK. CAN U GET?

--J XXX :)

COMING HOME. NEED TO TALK ABOUT WORK.

I LOVE YOU. X

"IN THE FACE OF THE *END*, AT THE BREAKING OF YOUR *SOUL*, YOU FALL BACK ON LOVE?

"*YOU*, DOCTOR? OF *ALL* PEOPLE?

"*YOU*, WHO NEVER FLUNG YOURSELF INTO THE *VOID* ON THE HOPE OF A HEART'S DESIRE?

"*YOU*, WHO NEVER *BURNED* FOR LOVE, AND NEVER *LAUGHED* AT YOUR OWN BURNING?

"YOU, WHO NEVER GAVE *UNSELFISHLY?*

"WHO NEVER LOVED EXPECTING *NOTHING* IN RETURN?

"NEVER OFFERED BEAUTIFUL GIFTS, *KNOWING* THEY'D BE SPURNED AND SCORNED?

"BUT GAVE THEM *ANYWAY?*

"FOR *LOVE?*

"GIFTS OF *DEATH.*

"FOR LOVE OF *DEATH."*

DEATH, DOCTOR STRANGE. SAY IT WITH ME.

DEATH.

D... DEATH...

"LISTEN, DOCTOR. YOU CAN HEAR IT.

"IN THE FIRE. IN THE SCREAMS.

"ALL THAT WE DO...

"...WE DO FOR LOVE."

IN THE NAME OF DEATH! IN THE NAME OF SORROW! IN THE NAME OF CHAOS AND WAR!

IN THE NAME OF THANOS!

HUNT AND KILL!

...WAS THAT AN *EXPLOSION?*

EXPLOSIONS-- PLURAL. A COUPLE OF BLOCKS AWAY, *TIMES SQUARE* OR THEREABOUTS.

PEOPLE ARE GOING TO NEED *HELP.*

COMING?

WE HAVE *OTHER PRIORITIES*--

WRONG ANSWER. I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR YOUR *ONE-TRACK MIND* RIGHT NOW.

IF YOU WANT MY HELP WITH YOUR *"PRIORITIES"*--YOU HELP *ME* WITH *THIS.*

IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE. I CAN'T BE SEEN TO BE *IN-COUNTRY* RIGHT NOW.

IF THEY FIND OUT I'M *HERE*--

OH, YOU NEED A *SECRET IDENTITY?*

YOU'RE IN A *COSTUME SHOP,* GENIUS.

SALE $5

SUIT UP.

I HAVE ANOTHER *APPOINTMENT*, MINION. MAKE THEIR DEATHS *QUICK*.

MAKE THEM *PAINFUL*.

I WILL *RRREND!* REND AND *TEAR!*

FOR *THANOS*--

NO, YOU WON'T.

WHUDD

NOT IN *MY* CITY.

CRACK

KRAKK

YOUR CITY, CAGE? *REALLY?*

FALL DOWN, YOU RIDICULOUS CREATURE--

TRY HITTING THEM WITH A MICROWAVE BURST THROUGH THE *HEART*, SPIDEY.

THEY DON'T LIKE IT.

FZZAFSH

HEY, MONICA.

JUST THE *THREE* OF US, HUH?

I MIGHT HAVE A GUY ON THE WAY--

"A GUY." PATHETIC.

GIVE ME *FIVE* SECONDS--

--AND I'LL HAVE THIS WHOLE AREA *CRAWLING...* WITH...

...MY PEOPLE...

SPIDER HERO

THE SPLENDIFEROUS SPIDER HERO. (NO HYPHEN.)

DOES WHATEVER A MYSTERIOUS STRANGER CAN.

AR

TAKE... *TAKE THAT OFF!* TAKE THAT OFF *RIGHT NOW!*

THIS IS AN *OUTRAGE! CEASE AND DESIST,* YOU HOODLUM!

FORGET "YOUR PEOPLE," WEBS. THIS IS A FULL-SCALE INVASION--WE NEED THE *BIG GUNS, THOR,* THE *HULK...*

AH... WELL...

THEY'RE IN SPACE.

SORRY.

WHAT?

THE SMALL SOUL SPEAKS *TRULY.* YOUR *MOTHER BIRDS* HAVE FLED THE NEST TO SIT ON *OTHER* EGGS.

THIS IS A *DOOMED WORLD* NOW.

AN EARTH WITHOUT *AVENGERS.*

THAT'S HOW IT IS, HUH?

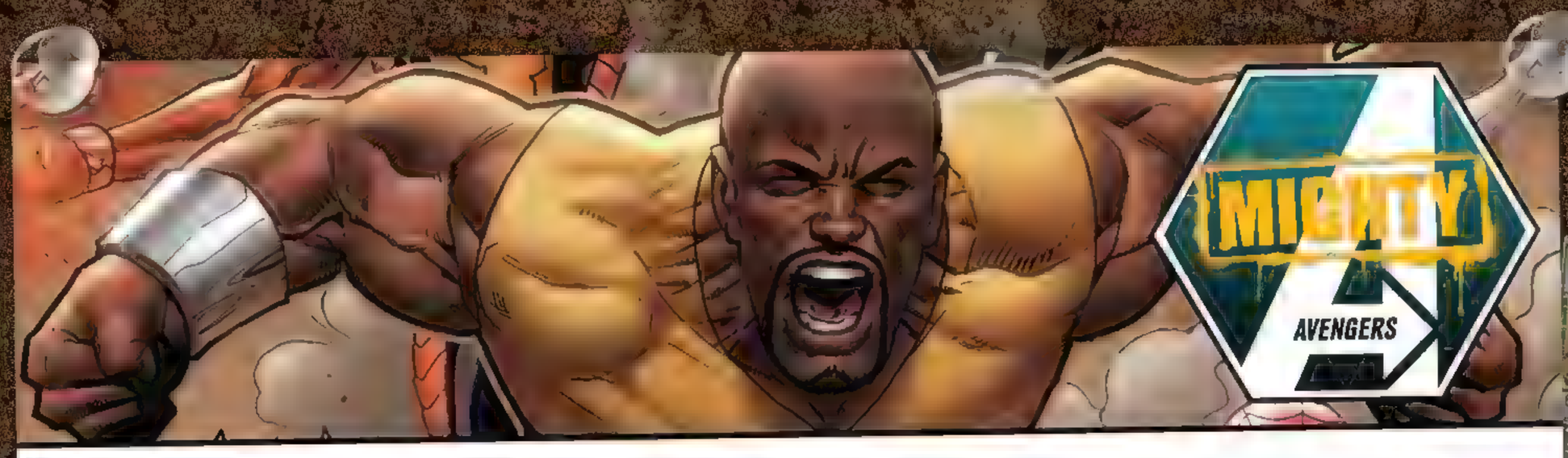
...OKAY.

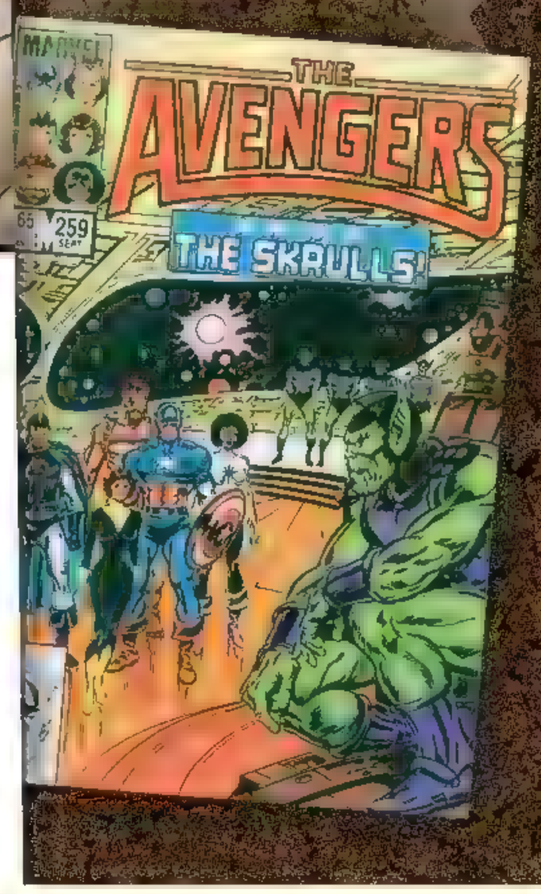
YOU WANT *AVENGERS*, LADY?

TAKE A GOOD LOOK.

WE'RE THE AVENGERS.

To Be Continued...





So. I'm eight years old.

The newsagent next to the barber shop where I have to get my hair cut every few months sells American comics. One of those comics is The Avengers. Monica Rambeau – Captain Marvel, at the time – is the leader, though they call it 'chairperson,' which sounds very grown-up to my eight-year-old ears. It makes The Avengers seem big and important.

I like Captain Marvel. She's smarter than the others, and she can do the coolest stuff – turn into light, turn into a hologram. That makes me want to look up what a hologram is, which makes my Dad happy. And she's the leader. A couple of years later, when she's written out of the book, I get bored and stop buying it.

Fast forward twenty years or so. I've been on and off with comics, but I'm back on them now. I like what Warren Ellis is doing with NextWave – I'm buying it for Ellis, but if I'm honest I'm buying it for Captain Marvel, too. (She's just Monica at this point, but she's still Captain Marvel to me.) Once again, she's smarter than the others, and she does all the cool stuff. It brings back good memories.

At the same time, there's a big event happening – Captain America and Iron Man are having a fight and everyone's choosing sides. It's hard for me to choose one, myself – Iron Man's argument makes sense, but he's building secret prisons and generally being a bit of a fascist. Meanwhile, Captain America isn't really convincing me, either. So I'm enjoying it, but deep down I'm having trouble finding a reason to care.

It's Luke Cage who eventually gives me that reason, by simply sitting alone in his apartment and waiting to be arrested for doing absolutely nothing. It's a quietly, wonderfully powerful comic that demonstrates the issue clearly, simply, with humanity, and resonates in a way that a man in a flag pontificating just doesn't. (Sorry, Cap. I liked it when you got shot.) After that, Luke and his New Avengers have me hooked.

(Also, Luke's to be one of the few heroes who's allowed to grow and change – having a kid, getting married. I like growth and change.)

Fast-forward a few more years, and Tom Brevoort's emailing me about a new team of Mighty Avengers – led by Luke, backed up by Monica. Do I want to write it?

Yeah, go on.

So here are the new adventures of Luke and Monica – and I hope they mean half as much to you as their previous adventures meant to me. Who knows, maybe there's an eight-year-old kid somewhere, getting a haircut, and afterwards they'll get to pick a comic as a treat. Maybe they're reading this comic right now. Maybe they're asking their Dad what the electro-magnetic spectrum is.

I'd like that.

Cheers,
Al Ewing

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With the Avengers off in deep space dealing with the cosmic threat of the Builders in **INFINITY**, who can defend the Earth from Thanos in their absence? That's the question that Luke Cage is going to have to answer in **MIGHTY AVENGERS #1**, coming your way this month from writer Al Ewing (whose AGE OF ULTRON issues of **AVENGERS ASSEMBLE** made such a big impact) and stellar artist Greg Land! Responding to the Hero for Hire's call will be an assemblage of Avengers new and old, including the Superior Spider-Man, the White Tiger, Spectrum (everybody's favorite Monica Rambeau), Power Man, She-Hulk, the Blue Marvel and the breakout character of the year, the mysterious Spider Hero! (Interested parties may also want to turn an eye towards **SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN TEAM-UP #3** and **4** as well, where our ad hoc group puts in some additional face time during INFINITY!) Some people have been asking whether the Marvel Universe needs another Avengers title, but you'll see the method to our madness once MIGHTY AVENGERS #1 reaches a store near you!

LETTER OF THE MONTH:

Dear Marvel,
I'm late to the party – I just now read ALL-NEW X-MEN #13 and its reference to UNCANNY AVENGERS #5. I've seen a lot of people in the last few weeks talk about having "a conversation on race" and it appears that you're doing that right here, in the pages of super hero comics. All without sacrificing entertainment value. And that's fantastic. Your conversation is about a science-fictional surrogate for race, of course – but hey, it's art. Things stand in for other things. What fascinates me here is that you have two different viewpoints (I suspect Kitty and Alex are standing in for their respective writers, but I may be wrong) who do not completely agree, but they are able to coexist and debate respectfully, all believably within the bounds of the Marvel U. And while they may disagree, one is not the "good guy" and the other "evil." They're both good guys (and gals), both on the same side, even though they don't think in lockstep. Makes me wonder if it could happen in reality.

Very rarely does a discussion in comics require me to internally debate which side I come down on. I really enjoy Brian Bendis' work, and I had the same crush on Kitty Pryde that just about every X-Men fanboy who was young in the 80s had. But I find myself leaning towards Alex's argument.

Why? I've long felt that the Marvel mutants engage in too much self-segregation. It always seemed like a logical disconnect that Xavier thought that mutants would be more accepted by the general population if you gather them all in a place where there's only mutants, have them dress in ways that make them instantly stand out, and send them off to engage in public violence before disappearing without accounting for themselves to the authorities that oversee everyone else. In large part, of course, they do that because that's what super heroes tend to do. But as a strategy to avoid mistrust and suspicion between two groups, it seems poorly considered.

So, Alex's point in his "don't call me a mutant" speech was that "mutant" doesn't define anyone's character, any more than "non-mutant" defines everyone else. I think the focus in ALL-NEW X-MEN on whether "mutant" was a bad word was missing the point – to me, the point was that dividing up people into non-mutant and mutant is categorizing them far too broadly to begin with. There are infinite varieties of people, with or without any particular genetic quirk. Dividing them up into groups is the beginning of the slippery slope – next you start making assumptions about them based on these broad groupings, and that way lies madness. I understood Alex to be saying that calling him a mutant is objectionable because it defines him solely on that basis, diminishing and overlooking everything about him that truly makes him who he is.

Kitty, on the other hand, said that she wants it known that she is a mutant because she knows that there are bigots out there who might "have a problem" with her, and she wants to flag them as such before she emotionally invests in them – like she did with the boy she had a crush on, before he revealed his true character with an anti-semitic remark. But this stance, while it seems practical, also seems pessimistic and a little disappointing coming from Kitty Pryde. Emotionally, I totally understand her position. But racism and bigotry are often complex things. I realize this is a comic book, but few real people are 100% prejudiced or 100% free of prejudice all of the time. The pure, raging bigot and the all-loving saint are vanishingly rare. How, then, do you decide at what point you are going to write people off? Is it the mission of the X-Men to identify bigots in order to have nothing further to do with them – or to continue to do their best for everyone even in the face of prejudice, in order to serve as an example to redeem those capable of redemption? Kitty's stance feels too unforgiving to me. Heroes are supposed to inspire the best in people, not judge them and discard them the first time they falter. Some people are beyond redemption – we've all probably had the misfortune to encounter at least one – but how do you know until you try?

Of course, when you have a machine that can tell you with a beep if someone's a mutant or not, categorizing them that way may be irresistible. But, for that matter, I never liked the existence of "mutant detecting" technology either. It seems to objectify and authenticate the prejudices our heroes are struggling to eliminate. Nature doesn't draw clear, bright lines like that. I often thought that if I had the chance to write an X-Men story, I would reveal that everyone would set off a "mutant detector" if it was adjusted to be sensitive enough – in other words, that being a "mutant" was a matter of degree instead of a bright-line distinction. We are all at least a little bit mutant because we are all part of a species that changes and evolves over generations. Just as with any other trait, the final expression has to do with the interaction of thousands of other traits – not just one. It's never that simple.

And that sums up why I lean toward Alex's position, I suppose – he accepts complexity, while Kitty seems (to me) to be oversimplifying.

Thanks for the great read, in both ALL-NEW X-MEN and UNCANNY AVENGERS. And Make Mine Marvel.

Michael C. Lea

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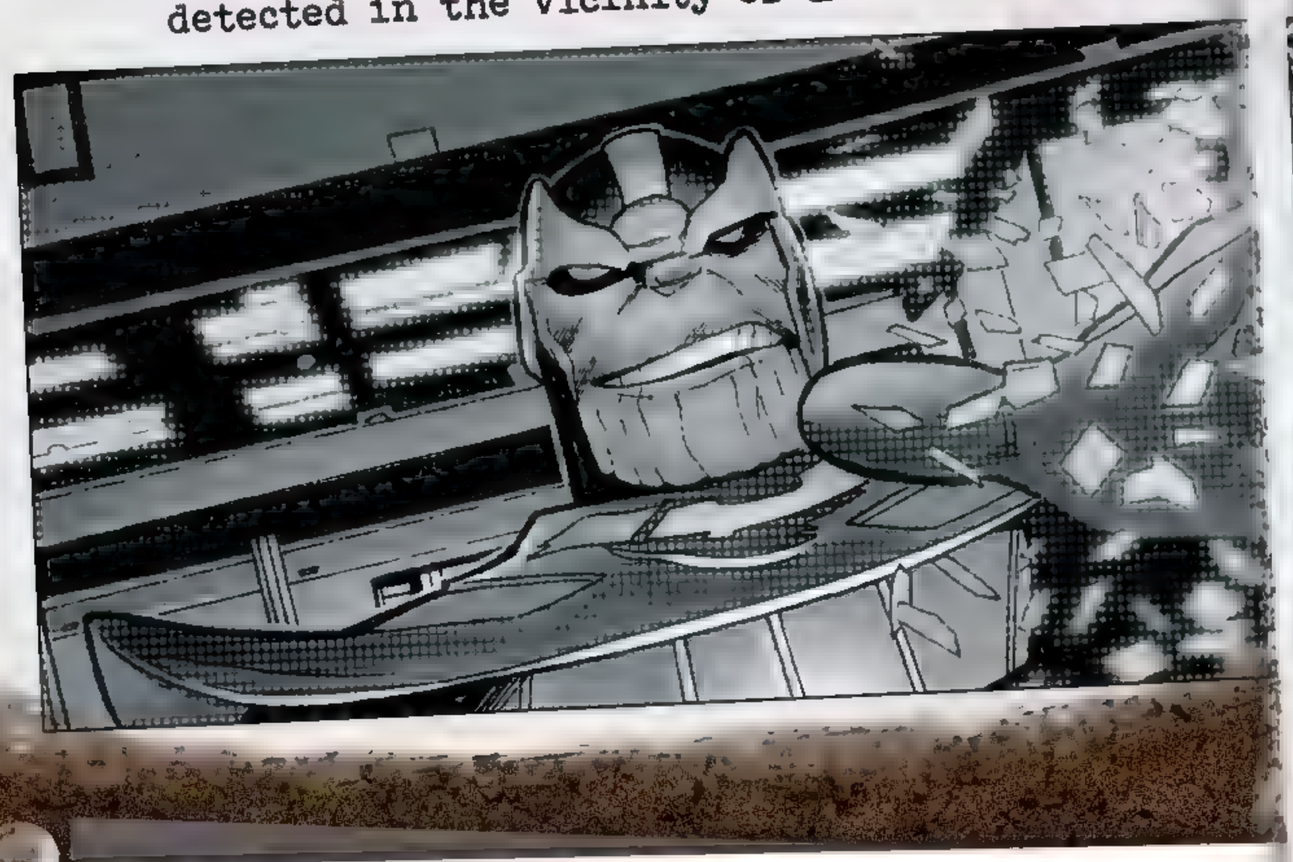

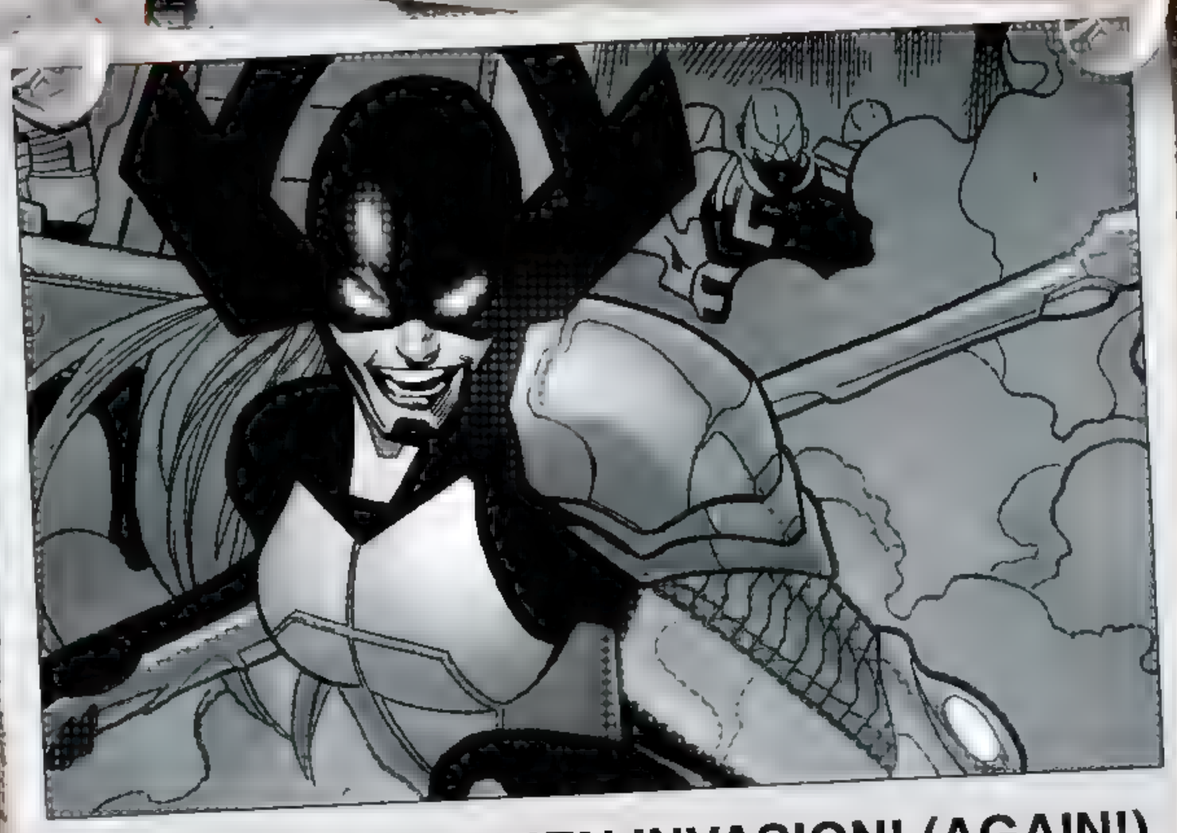

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The Bugle confirms that the Avengers recently left Earth on some unknown mission in space, but eyewitness accounts are coming in of several super heroic individuals fighting as a unit against the invading force in Midtown Manhattan. The makeshift team includes former Avenger and current Hero for Hire Luke Cage, the light-powered Spectrum (aka Monica Rambeau, a fellow ex-Avenger), the Superior Spider-Man (one of the few on the current Avengers roster still grounded on Earth), and a colorfully masked vigilante who can only currently be identified as Spider Hero. [...]

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DOCTOR STRANGE.
AT PEACE IN THE FIELDS OF ENLIGHTENMENT.

NO!

LISTEN TO ME, YOU DAMNED NOVICE! REMEMBER WHO I AM!

KALUU-- YOUR MASTER IN THE WAYS OF BLACK MAGIC! AND I CAN FEEL THE DARKNESS YOU'RE BRINGING FROM HALF A WORLD AWAY!

THIS ILLUSION YOU'RE CAUGHT IN-- IT'S MADE OF LANGUAGE! HE'S USING WORDS AGAINST YOU!

LOOK AT YOURSELF, FOR PITY'S SAKE--

--LOOK WHAT YOU'RE WEARING!

YOU KNOW WHAT THAT TALISMAN WILL SUMMON IF LEFT UNCHECKED--AND YOU'RE FEEDING IT? SNAP OUT OF IT, CURSE YOU!

STRANGE!

THE WINGS OF NEEDLESS SORROW
DESTROYS EVERYTHING YOU LOVE.

STRANGE!

HUSH, LITTLE VOICE--THE DOCTOR CANNOT HEAR YOU. HE ONLY HEARS WHAT THANOS WANTS.

BUT PLEASE...

"...FEEL FREE TO *WATCH*"

SO...IS THIS A *SOCIAL CALL?*

UATU THE WATCHER.

OR AM I ABOUT TO BLOW UP THE PLANET?

WHY DON'T WE JUST GO OVER THESE FIGURES ONE MORE TIME...

DR. ADAM BRASHEAR, A.K.A. THE BLUE MARVEL. FORGOTTEN HERO. GLOBAL PROTECTOR.

WELCOME BACK TO MY LITTLE UNDERSEA *SCIENCE FORTRESS*, BY THEY WAY. I'VE MADE A FEW CHANGES SINCE THE *LAST* TIME YOU VISITED.

I'M ACTUALLY *LIVING* HERE THESE DAYS--NOW THAT THE *KIDS* HAVE MOVED OUT, THE OLD HOUSE JUST FELT...TOO *PAINFUL*, I GUESS.

I KEPT WAKING UP IN THE NIGHT REACHING FOR *CANDACE*... MY *WIFE*...LIKE SHE WAS STILL *ALIVE*...

...AND THEN I'D *REMEMBER*...

...WELL. YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR ABOUT THAT.

THIS PLACE IS MORE CENTRAL FOR MY *HUMANITARIAN WORK*, ANYWAY. FROM HERE, I HAVE A *GLOBAL REACH*.

I SUPPOSE I COULD HAVE JOINED *TONY STARK* AND HIS "*AVENGING WORLD*" OR WHAT-HAVE-YOU...

...BUT I'M NOT SO COMFORTABLE WITH HOW HE *DOES* THINGS.

OR S.H.I.E.L.D., FOR THAT MATTER. TOO MUCH POWER, NOT ENOUGH *ACCOUNTABILITY*. WE SERVE *WITH* THE PEOPLE--NOT OVER AND ABOVE THEM.

I'VE *ALWAYS* BELIEVED THAT...

...EVEN WHEN *SOME* OF THE PEOPLE DIDN'T WANT ME TO SERVE AT *ALL*.

...

UATU, IF YOU PULL YOUR FOREBODING "*I CANNOT INTERFERE*" FACE ANY *HARDER*, YOU'RE GOING TO *PROLAPSE*. THIS REALLY *ISN'T* A SOCIAL CALL, IS IT?

WHAT DO YOU *WANT*?

...YOU CANNOT INTERFERE. ALL RIGHT, I SUPPOSE MY PORTAL RESEARCH CAN *WAIT* A WHILE...

COMPUTER-- CEASE MONITORING NEUTRAL ZONE EXPERIMENT SEVEN-ZERO-FOUR.

RETURN TO MONITORING *EMERGENCY TRAFFIC*--ANY SITUATIONS REQUIRING *BLUE MARVEL* INVOLVEMENT--

HIGH LEVEL EMERGENCY LOCATED.

THE *SECOND* I TURN MY BACK...

POLICE AND AMBULANCE TRAFFIC IN NEW YORK AREA INDICATES LEVEL SEVEN ATTACK BY ALIEN FORCES.

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE REQUIRED.

LEVEL *SEVEN*? I *BUILT* THIS THING, AND I'VE NEVER SEEN MORE THAN A LEVEL *FOUR* ON IT.

WHAT ON EARTH DOES LEVEL *SEVEN* LOOK LIKE...?

LEVEL SEVEN ATTACK
LOOKS LIKE THIS.

Cool

SPIDER-MAN TO ALL SPIDERLINGS!

CONVERGE ON MY SIGNAL IMMEDIATELY! YOUR LEADER COMMANDS YOU TO--

W-WE CAN'T, BOSS!

WE'RE PINNED DOWN HERE! THEY'RE BLOWIN' THROUGH THE SPIDERBOTS LIKE THEY WAS WIND-UP TOYS!

I--I DON'T WANNA DIE, BOSS--

THEN WHAT AM I PAYING YOU FOR--

SPIDEY!

PEOPLE ARE *DYING* HERE! PUT YOUR *CELL PHONE* AWAY AND GET BACK IN THE *FIGHT!*

ATURDAY

ONUS

FINE, "SPECTRUM."

BUT NOT BECAUSE *YOU* TOLD ME TO.

THWIP

ONCE I'VE *DISARMED* THESE IGNORAMI, IT'LL BE *CHILD'S PLAY* TO RENDER THEM--

ZING

--*HEY!*

KRAKK

I WAS *JUST* ABOUT TO--

--GIVE THEM A *LECTURE.*

LESS *#$%@* MORE *HIT,* BUGMAN.

ON

JUST KEEP THEM AWAY FROM THE *CIVILIANS!*

I CAN DO THE *REST--*

HER.

THE LIGHT *PRETENDING* TO BE HUMAN. THEIR NATURAL *LEADER.*

REMOVE *HER...*

...AND THE REST WILL *FALL.*

THE SPEAR OF PROXIMA MIDNIGHT

WHEN THROWN, THE SPEAR TRANSFORMS INTO THREE TRACERS OF BLACK LIGHT.

WHAT THE HELL IS--

THESE CANNOT BE EVADED.

--EEEAAHH!

THEY ARE FATAL TO MOST CREATURES.

MONICA--

--IS ALREADY DEAD.

JOIN HER.

WHUDD

WHOKK

KRAKK

INTERESTING.

YOU'RE UNUSUALLY RESISTANT TO DAMAGE, HUMAN...

WRUNCH

...BUT FAR FROM UNBREAKABLE.

SO.

WHO IS NEXT?

KLONKK

WHO...

DARES...

NO PASARÁN!

FASCISTA! NO PASARÁN!

NO PASARÁN!

UH, I THINK THEY'RE NIHILISTS...

WHATEVER.

YEAH! YEAH!

NO PASARÁN, #$%@!

NO PASARÁN!

NO PASARÁN!

NO PASARÁN!

NO PASARÁN!

NO PASARÁN!

NO PASARÁN!

NO PASARÁN!

PATHETIC.

YOU THINK YOU CAN DEFEAT WHAT I AM WITH *BRICKS* AND *BOTTLES?*

WITH *WORDS?*

WELL, GO *ON*, OLD WOMAN. SING OUT YOUR LITTLE WORDS *AGAIN.*

SEE WHAT *HAPPENS.*

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

WHAT DID YOU AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE! AVENGERS ASSEMBLE! AVENGERS ASSEMBLE! AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

BE SILENT! ALL OF YOU!

I WILL REDUCE THIS CITY TO BLOODY DUST AND SHATTERED BONES AND I WILL HAVE SILENCE--

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE.

WHAM

NO MORE! YOU *HEAR* ME? NOT WHILE I'M *BREATHING!*

NOT ONE MORE LIFE!

NOT--

--ONE--

--MORE!

SOME KIND OF *SEISMIC* ACTIVITY--

DEAR GOD, HOW HARD ARE THEY *HITTING* EACH OTHER?

THIS ISN'T *THEM.* NOT *ALL* OF IT.

SPIDER HERO

HUNNGH--

FEEL THAT *RINGING* IN YOUR EARS? THAT TASTE OF *BLOOD* UNDER YOUR TONGUE?

SOMETHING'S BEING *SUMMONED.*

NOT--

ONE--

SILENCE!

WHAT DOES IT *TAKE?*

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO *END* YOU?

WHY WILL YOU NOT DIE?

ENOUGH.

YOU PROMISED ME A *DEAD CITY,* PROXIMA. NOT THIS... *DEFIANCE.*

I HAVE TO *SAY...*

...I'M *VERY* DISAPPOINTED.

THANOS
THE MAD TITAN.

NO!

THERE'S STILL *TIME*, MY LORD--I CAN STILL--

YOUR TIME IS *UP*, MIDNIGHT. YOUR *FUN* IS *OVER*.

YOU HAVE A *TITHE* TO COLLECT, AND A *PRINCE* TO KILL... AND I WILL BROOK NO MORE DELAYS.

SEMICONDW

OUT 4WD DISH

Stud's

LORD THANOS, *PLEASE*--A FEW MORE *MOMENTS*--

I CAN *BREAK* THEM FOR YOU-- *DESTROY* THEM--

...

...CAN YOU?

RRRRRRAAAAAHH!

WHAK

AAAAAHH--

THE SPEAR TEARS FREE--

--BUT THE *POISON* REMAINS.

LIVING LIGHT OR NO... SHE *WILL* DIE.

IN *AGONY.*

IN *MINUTES.*

AND BELIEVE ME, SHE IS THE *LUCKY* ONE AMONGST YOU.

THIS... AIN'T *OVER...*

PERHAPS.

IF YOU SOMEHOW *SURVIVE* WHAT THE MAW HAS PLANNED...I *WILL* FIND YOU AGAIN. *ALL* OF YOU.

IF *NOT...* JUST REMEMBER, AS YOUR SOUL *BURNS* AND ALL HOPE ROTS TO *NOTHING...*

"I WOULD HAVE MADE IT *QUICK.*"

OKAY. WEBS, YOU'RE THE *SCIENTIST.* GET UP THERE AND SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING TO *MONICA--*

WE DON'T HAVE *TIME.*

LISTEN TO ME, CAGE-- SOMETHING'S BEING *SUMMONED--*

SON, I GOT *CRACKED RIBS,* I GOT A *CONCUSSION* AND I THINK I JUST SWALLOWED A *MOLAR.*

YOU SAY *ONE* MORE WORD TO ME ABOUT LETTING MY *FRIEND* DIE AND YOU'RE GONNA HAVE *WORSE. BELIEVE* IT.

HA!

THIS DOESN'T LOOK *GOOD,* CAGE--

BEFORE

ALL WAS

WHAT...?

I *WAS*

BEFORE TIME WAS

OH, GOOD *BOY,* DOCTOR.

I *WAITED*

I FED ON THE SCREAMING SOULS OF UNIVERSES

I DRANK THE SPOILED MILK OF DEAD STARS

I AM THE EMPTINESS OUTSIDE ALL UNDERSTANDING

I AM SHUMA-GORATH

YERY GOOD BOY.

AND THIS WORLD IS MINE

WELL, NOW.

I GUESS THAT QUALIFIES AS A LEVEL *EIGHT.*

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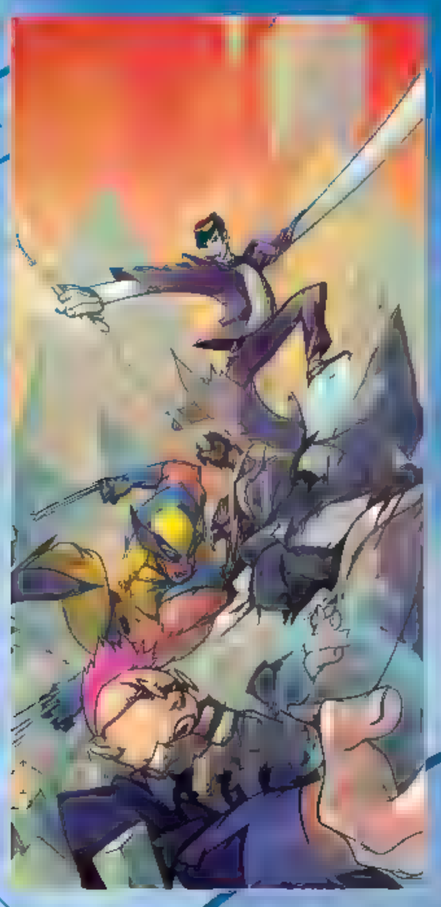

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THE ASSEMBLY!

YOUR ONE-STOP NEWS SOURCE FOR ALL THINGS AVENGERS!

It's finally here! October 4th sees the worldwide release of the very first AVENGERS original graphic novel **ENDLESS WARTIME!** Written by NY Times best-selling author Warren Ellis and illustrated by Mike McKone and Jason Keith, with stunning design by Rian Hughes, this is the perfect volume for Avengers fans old and new—a contemporary, forward-looking 120 page stand-alone epic that you will never forget! As X-MEN senior editor Nick Lowe remarked, it's "troubling and exciting, beautiful and so well designed. You should all be proud! Hope our inevitable X-MEN OGN is half as good."

We've been saving up for a day like this—saving up your comments, that is! So here's a wide sampling from the many missives about the new MARVEL NOW! incarnations of your favorite AVENGERS titles that we've received over the last couple of months:

Loved issue #11 of AVENGERS ASSEMBLE, it had all the heroics, humor, action, characterization, top characters and incredible art I could dream of in an Avengers title! But which pages had the AR?

–Chris Forster.

You didn't miss anything, Chris, that was our mistake, running the AR slug on the cover to a book without any AR. Oops!

I was on the fence about AVENGERS... until I saw Cannonball and Sunspot recruited! Cannonball has been my absolute favorite character for years and Sunspot is next in line. Please let them represent the X by kicking major butt as Avengers!

–Isaac Woodby

There's more of Sam and Bobby ahead, Isaac, not just in AVENGERS, but also—but why spoil that so far ahead of time?

With Red Skull taking Xavier's brain how can Magneto not finally go after and finish him? You showed us Wolverine's reaction, imagine how Magneto would react to a Nazi desecrating his old friend like that. Will we ever see another Red Skull/Magneto tussle?

–Richard Dodge

Sorry to "dodge" the question, Richard—but can you imagine a world in which Rick Remender doesn't get around to something like that eventually?

I love the Avengers! I'm also loving all the new series! I pick up AVENGERS, NEW AVENGERS, and AVENGERS ASSEMBLE every month, and I'm loving each series! I especially love AVENGERS #8, AVENGERS ASSEMBLE #9, and NEW AVENGERS #2.

–Denver Bridges

You can imagine how that makes us feel, Denver—Love!

Just wanted to let you all know what a great job you are doing on UNCANNY AVENGERS!!! I sincerely hope we see A LOT more of the Four Horsemen. Genocide/Holocaust has always had a special place in my heart. Totally kidding, that would be creepy.

–Joseph D. Urbick

Whew! You had us worried there for a moment, Joe!

Hickman coming to the Avengers books had me super excited for what he could bring and changes he could create. But now 9 issues in and 4 for NEW, I'm not loving the change so much anymore. While reading every issue I'm feeling really dumb. And confused. And ultimately not enjoying the books.

–Kenny Arena

Sorry to hear that you feel that way, Kenny! So sorry, in fact, that I'm not even going to make the obvious AVENGERS ARENA joke!

Intensifying. Uniting. Magnifying. Improving. Updating. These are just a few of the things that Jonathan Hickman is doing for the Marvel Universe at large here in the main AVENGERS title!

–Andrew J. Shaw

And glad to hear that you feel this way, Andrew! You're constantly one of our most regular critics!

Got this address from Stephen Wacker. Here is my son Parker Smith (yes, he was named after Peter Parker) dressed as Ant-Man.

–Benjamin Smith

Good looking kid you've got there, Ben! He wouldn't be interested in the lead role in an in-preparation Marvel motion picture by any chance, would he?

Any chance Remender will show what happened with the twins Uriel and Eimin after the Dark Angel Saga? Also, Daniel Acuña's fabulous art makes everything gorgeous and utter delicious to enjoy!

–Henrique Parreira

A better question, Henrique, would be will Rick ever stop showing us more of the Apocalypse Twins?

Out of all of the AVENGERS titles currently on the shelves, the one I'm most enjoying is Nick Spencer's SECRET AVENGERS. Already he's making me like the new Nick Fury and here I thought that would be a challenge (the Bond comparison from issue #1 was just perfect and funny at the same time). –Colin Herzog

And with that, we'll get back to our regularly scheduled programming! IN other words, it's checklist time!

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TIMES STARE: EVIL EYE TAKES OVER MIDTOWN!

Earlier today eyewitnesses reported sightings of a large, terrible tentacle monster calling itself Shuma-Gorath attacking Times Square. An impromptu team of super heroes converged on the site and have teamed up to battle the creature. The group appears to be composed of former Avenger and current Hero for Hire Luke Cage, the light-powered Spectrum (aka Monica Rambeau, a fellow ex-Avenger,) the Superior Spider-Man, two former Avengers Academy students, White Tiger and Power Man, and a colorfully masked vigilante who can only be identified as Spider Hero currently. It's also been reported that Adam Brashear, a.k.a. The Blue Marvel, has been seen flying toward the disaster area. It is advised that all residents and tourists stay as far away from Times Square as possible.

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FIFTEEN MINUTES AGO.
SPANISH HARLEM.

HELLO, VIC.
HOW DID YOU *FIND* ME?
SOMETHING I LEARNED FROM FIST.

PEOPLE KIND OF HAVE THEIR OWN UNIQUE *CHI SIGNATURE*, AND...
...IT AIN'T IMPORTANT. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU WERE OKAY, AVA. AND, Y'KNOW...TALK ABOUT WHY YOU WENT *OFF* LIKE--
THE WHITE TIGER KILLED MY *BROTHER.*

IT KILLED MY *FAMILY.* THIS COSTUME, THIS AMULET--IT *KILLS* PEOPLE. THAT'S THE PRICE OF IT. AND I *KNOW...*
...I KNOW ONE DAY IT'S GOING TO KILL *ME.*
AND I DON'T WANT TO DIE GUARDING A *CRATE* IN A *SHIPPING YARD*, VICTOR. I WANT TO DIE DOING SOMETHING *REAL.*
I WANT MY DEATH TO *MEAN* SOMETHING.

...
WELL, IT *WON'T.*

DEATH DON'T *EVER* MEAN ANYTHING. IT'S JUST SOME E#$% HAPPENS TO YOU ONE DAY.

IT'S YOUR *LIFE* MEANS SOMETHING. WHAT YOU CHOOSE TO *DO* WITH IT, *THAT'S* WHAT DEFINES YOU AT THE END. MY *DAD* TAUGHT ME THAT.

AND YOUR *BROTHER*--LOOK, I NEVER *MET* THE MAN. SO DON'T ASK ME HOW I KNOW.

BUT I KNOW HE'S *PROUD* OF YOU.

HEH.

YOU'VE GOT *HIDDEN DEPTHS*, MISTER ALVAREZ.

GIRL, YOU KNOW I...

I...

...OKAY, I JUST LOST MY TRAIN OF *THOUGHT*...

NOW.
TIMES SQUARE.

SHUMA-GORATH.
THE VOID MADE FLESH.

OH GOD--

OH MY GOD--

DON'T LOOK DIRECTLY AT IT.

BUGMAN-- WHAT'S THE STATUS WITH *SPECTRUM?*

PROXIMA MIDNIGHT'S STAFF *CORRUPTED* HER LIGHT-FORM, "SPIDER HERO." SHE'S *DYING.* AS IF *YOU* CARE.

IF I HAD MORE *TIME,* PERHAPS I COULD--

NNNHH--

AARRH--

YOU WILL HAVE TIME

ENDLESS EONS

SCREAMING MY NAME

YOU

GET THE HELL *OFF* ME--

I CAN TASTE A *NEW SOUL* ON YOU

BARELY FORMED

SUCCULENT

"DANIELLE"

THAT'S *MORE* THAN ENOUGH OUT OF *YOU.*

SORRY I'M *LATE,* GENTLEMEN. I DON'T THINK WE'VE ACTUALLY *MET*--MR. *CAGE,* ISN'T IT?

UH...

BLUE MARVEL. BUT *ADAM* IS FINE.

SO, CAN ANYONE GIVE ME A *SITREP* ON THIS?

SHUMA-GORATH.

OR THE SMALLEST PART OF IT--LIKE A *FINGERNAIL* SCRATCHING AT OUR REALITY. TRYING TO TEAR *THROUGH.*

NICE WORK ON THE *PHYSICAL MANIFESTATION*-- YOU BOUGHT US MAYBE TWO EXTRA *MINUTES.*

IF WE CAN DISRUPT THE *ASTRAL SELF* AS WELL, WE CAN BLOCK IT OFF BEFORE IT GETS TOO BIG OF A *FOOTHOLD* HERE--

SORRY, DO I KNOW YOU? YOUR *VOICE...*

FROM ANOTHER LIFE.

LONG TIME NO *SEE,* DOC.

DR. *BRASHEAR?*

NNNNAAAHHH--

DON'T DIE YET, PLEASE.

DR. BRASHEAR, I'M A FAN OF YOUR *WORK*--YOUR RECENT PAPER ON *POSITRONIUM-NEUTRONIUM ALLOYS* WAS ALMOST UP TO *MY* STANDARD--

--AND FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND OF YOUR *ABILITIES*, YOU'RE YOUR OWN *ELECTRON MICROSCOPE.*

IF YOU COULD?

YEAH-- NNNHH!-- PLEASE *DO*...

OF COURSE.

LET'S JUST TAKE A PEEK DOWN AT THE *QUARK LEVEL*...

WELL, NOW.

THAT'S JUST NOT SCIENTIFICALLY *POSSIBLE.*

WHAT *SEEMS* TO BE HAPPENING IS THAT MS. RAMBEAU'S *PHOTONS* ARE BEING EATEN BY...*ANTI-PHOTONS*, I SUPPOSE YOU'D CALL THEM.

EXCEPT THERE'S NO SUCH *THING*-- THE PHOTON IS ITS *OWN* ANTI-PARTICLE.

WHICH DOES GIVE ME AN *IDEA*...

I'M GOING TO TRY TO USE MY *ANTIMATTER PROJECTION* ABILITIES TO INFUSE MS. RAMBEAU WITH *ADDITIONAL* PHOTONS--SHORE UP THE WEAKENED AREAS.

HOPEFULLY IT'LL KEEP HER *ALIVE*--MAYBE EVEN BURN THE INFECTION *OUT*--BUT...

...WELL, THERE MIGHT BE *SIDE EFFECTS.*

WAIT--

THIS--*NNNNAAHH!* ISN'T--A *"LOSE YOUR POWERS OR DIE"* DEAL--

BECAUSE I HONESTLY--

--DON'T KNOW WHICH I'D *PICK*--

LOSE YOUR *POWERS?* NO, NOTHING LIKE THAT. I WON'T *LIE*--IT'S GOING TO HURT--BUT...

...WELL, YOU'VE HEARD THE EXPRESSION "WHAT DOESN'T KILL YOU MAKES YOU STRONGER"?

JUST HURRY UP AND *DO* IT--

SORRY. FINDING THE RIGHT WAVELENGTH.

GET READY TO GET *STRONGER.*

SSSSHHWWWH

THE €#$% YOU SEE IN THIS JOB...

DOOOOOM

...THERE.

I THINK YOU'RE GOOD TO *GO*, MS. RAMBEAU.

YOU JUST SAVED MY *LIFE*, DR. BRASHEAR.

IT'S *MONICA*.

OR *SPECTRUM*.

IF YOU'RE NASTY.

ACTUALLY, NASTY IS RE-FORMING HIS PHYSICAL BODY OVER THERE.

BRASHEAR--

NO

IT WILL NOT HAPPEN TWICE

MY SUBSTANCE THICKENS

I GROW MORE REAL

I DETECT

ALLIES

THE EBONY MAW. WHISPERING.

DON'T FIGHT ME, DOCTOR STRANGE. YOU WANT WHAT THANOS WANTS.

SHIELD OUR GUEST FROM ATTACK.

TH...THE NIGHTMARE EYE... OF ZHAR-LLOGOS... PROTECTS...

NOW I CLAIM YOU ALL

HE MEANS IT, PEOPLE.

I'M GONNA NEED ALL OF YOU TO STEP BACK--

--SO WE... CAN...

DAMN.

THAT'S JUST MESSED UP.

MINE NOW

HHHKK

HSSSSSKK

KKHHSSSS

HHHHSSSSS

AS YOU WILL BE

VERY SOON

I AM GONNA *CUT YOU UP* AND SELL YOU TO THE *FISH MARKET*--

NON-LETHAL, EVERYBODY. WE MIGHT STILL BE ABLE TO *SAVE* THESE PEOPLE.

I THINK SHE'S TALKING TO *YOU*, NUNCHUK NORRIS.

TOO *MANY* OF THEM-- WE NEED TO CLEAR A *SPACE*--

POWER MAN--DOWN THERE--

I SEE 'EM--

HEY! ALL YOU TENTACLE PEOPLE!

THOOM

DON'T #@£& WITH THE MIGHTY AVENGERS!

MIGHTY AVENGERS?

YEAH, YOU GOT A *HASHTAG* NOW. IT'S HOW WE *FOUND* YOU.

YO, WHAT'S UP WITH THESE *EYES?* I CAN'T LAND A *PUNCH* ON THIS THING--

SOME KIND OF MAGIC SYMBOL. FORMING A *SHIELD*...

...

HOLD THE LINE, EVERYBODY.

I'M GOING TO *TRY* SOMETHING.

MS. RAMBEAU-- I MEAN, *MONICA*-- WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU...?

I'M TRYING TO *SHAPE* MY LIGHT-FORM. COPY THE SYMBOLS *EXACTLY*.

I FIGURE IT MIGHT BUY US A LITTLE *TIME*--

THAT'S *COMPLETELY RIDICULOUS!*

IF IT'S THE *SIGILS* FORMING THE *SHIELD*, IT COULD WORK--

IT'S THE *WORST* KIND OF *JUNK SCIENCE!* YOU CAN'T SERIOUSLY EXPECT A *SUPERFICIAL IMITATION* TO--OH, BUT LOOK WHO I'M *TALKING* TO!

NINE-TENTHS OF A MAGIC WORKING IS *BELIEVING* IN IT.

SO UNLESS YOU WANT TO TALK YOUR €#$% THROUGH A *TENTACLE*, YOU SHOULD *SHUT UP.*

OH, WHAT DO *YOU* KNOW, YOU SQUALID LITTLE *IMPOSTOR*--

ABOUT *THIS?* MORE THAN YOU.

A LITTLE MAGICAL KNOWLEDGE COMES IN *HANDY* IN MY LINE OF WORK...

ENOUGH *BICKERING*, YOU TWO. *WHATEVER* I'M DOING, IT'S KEEPING THE *POSSESSED* OUT-- BUT I CAN'T HOLD IT *LONG*.

SPIDER HERO-- YOU SAID SOMETHING EARLIER ABOUT THE *ASTRAL SELF*--

SPIDER HERO

IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO SEND IT AWAY FOR GOOD. FIGHT IT ON ITS *OWN* TERMS.

SO HOW DO YOU FIGHT A *GOD?*

WITH A *BIGGER* GOD.

POWER MAN--WHITE TIGER--

--YOU'RE *UP.*

STRONGER EVERY MOMENT

WHEN I BECOME REAL

I WILL DEVOUR THE HUSKS OF YOUR DEAD DREAMS

CHARMING.

MONICA? I'M GOING TO TRY TO BROADCAST SOME MORE *LIGHT ENERGY* TO YOU--GIVE YOU A BOOST.

MUCH APPRECIATED, MARVEL.

ADAM.

IT'S *ADAM.*

LISTEN, VIC--YOU *HAVE* DONE THIS BEFORE, RIGHT?

ONCE. IT WAS KIND OF *UNFOCUSED,* THOUGH--I MEAN, I NEVER *CHANNELLED* IT OR ANYTHING, I JUST--

DEEP BREATHS. CLEAR YOUR MIND.

MAN, I HOPE THIS WORKS--

RELAX, POWER MAN.

I'M THE ONE WITH THE *HARD* JOB.

CLEAR YOUR MIND.

NOW. FOCUS ON *HOME.* ON YOUR *FAMILY.* THE *BUILDING* YOU LIVE IN. EVERY BRICK, EVERY STONE. EVERY *MEMORY.*

MOVE OUT FROM THERE. STREETS AND LANDMARKS. KING STREET, SEDGWICK AVENUE, ZUCCOTTI PARK. *PEOPLE* AND *HISTORY.*

NEW YORK CITY.

IT ALL HAS *CHI.*

IT ALL HAS *POWER.*

NOW. *OFFER* THAT POWER.

TO THE GOD *INSIDE* HER.

HRRRR...

LITTLE.

THING.

I

I AM SHUMA-GORATH

SHUMA-GORATH

OH?

WHEN HUMANITY FIRST LOOKED INTO THE NIGHT, *MY* EYES LOOKED BACK. WHEN THEY LEARNED TO FEAR DARKNESS, IT WAS *ME* THEY FEARED.

WHEN THEY LEARNED TO *FIGHT* FOR THEIR LIVES AND THEIR LOVES AND THEIR CHILDREN--*I* WAS THE FIRST ENEMY.

LAY YOUR CLAIM TO A *THOUSAND THOUSAND WORLDS*--

--THIS ONE IS *MINE!*

FOR I AM THE TIGER!

NO

YOU CANNOT

YOU MUST

NOT

SPECTRUM!

NOW-- WHILE HE'S WEAK--

I'M ON IT.

STOP

UUUUIIII

I

IIII

I AM

I AM SHUMA-GORATH

AND I'M MONICA RAMBEAU.

NICE BIG EYE YOU'VE GOT THERE.

MAKES IT EASY FOR THE LIGHT TO GET IN.

NO

NNNN

YOUR ASTRAL BODY'S BEING *TORN APART.* ALL YOU'VE GOT LEFT IS THIS *SHELL*--THE BODY YOU MADE TO EXIST IN *OUR* REALITY.

IT'S A NICE *VEHICLE*, I'LL ADMIT. IT'S GOT IT *ALL*--WORKING ORGANS, A CIRCULATORY SYSTEM, NERVE ENDINGS...

...AND LOTS AND LOTS OF *BRAIN ELECTRICITY.*

THINK *HAPPY THOUGHTS*, SHUMA-GORATH.

AND GET THE HELL OFF MY UNIVERSE.

HOW *DISAPPOINTING.* THE OPPORTUNITY TO ALLY ONESELF WITH TRUE POWER COMES SO RARELY...

DID YOU *KNOW* YOUR SPELL COULD BE MIMICKED, I WONDER?

AH WELL. NO MATTER.

THERE ARE OTHER POWERS ON THIS PLANET, DEAR DOCTOR.

AND YOU STILL HAVE YOUR *USES...*

HUH.

YOU KNOW, I THINK WE JUST SAVED THE WORLD.

FOR THE NEXT *TEN MINUTES*, AT LEAST. THAT'S PROBABLY THE BEST WE CAN HOPE FOR RIGHT NOW.

ONCE WE'VE TAKEN A MOMENT TO CATCH OUR *BREATH*, WE'LL NEED TO HELP WITH THIS THANOS INVASION THAT'S--

EXCUSE ME? UH, *SPECTRUM?*

KAT FARRELL, NATIONAL PULSE.

WITH A MOUTH FULL OF DEMON TENTACLE.

LOOKING *GOOD*, KAT.

THANKS, LUKE.

DO YOU HAVE TIME TO TELL US WHAT *HAPPENED* HERE? IS THIS AN *OFFICIAL* AVENGERS UNIT, OR--

WELL, WE'RE NOT *REALLY* AVENGERS--MORE AN AD HOC TEAM-UP. STILL, WE'LL BE ON HAND TO DEAL WITH THIS *CURRENT* CRISIS AS IT--

KAT?

...

THERE'S A *WORD* WE USE.

ANYONE WHO'S EVER SERVED AS AN AVENGER, WE'VE SPOKEN THAT WORD.

HELL, IT'S A ***COMPETITION*** TO SAY IT. TO ***SHOUT*** IT. BECAUSE IT IS ***THAT*** SACRED TO WHAT WE ARE AND TO WHAT WE DO.

AND THAT WORD IS ***ASSEMBLE.***

WHEN WE COME TOGETHER, WE'RE ***STRONGER*** THAN WHEN WE STAND APART.

THAT'S WHAT IT'S ***ALWAYS*** BEEN ABOUT. WE COME TOGETHER TO ***FIGHT*** WHAT CAN'T BE FOUGHT ***ALONE.***

TO DEFEAT THOSE THINGS IN THE WORLD THAT WOULD DRAG US ***DOWN.*** THAT WOULD MAKE US ***LESSER.***

THOSE THINGS NO SINGLE HERO CAN WITHSTAND.

AND BY ***WE?*** I MEAN ***ALL OF US.***

WHEN WE MAKE THE EFFORT TO HELP THOSE WHO ***NEED*** US--

--TO HELP ***EACH OTHER,*** TO BE ***THERE*** FOR EACH OTHER--

--WE ARE ***ALL*** AVENGERS.

YOU ARE AVENGERS.

OKAY, THEN. WELCOME TO THE *TEAM*, EVERYBODY.

NOW LET'S GET TO *WORK.*

SPIDER HERO

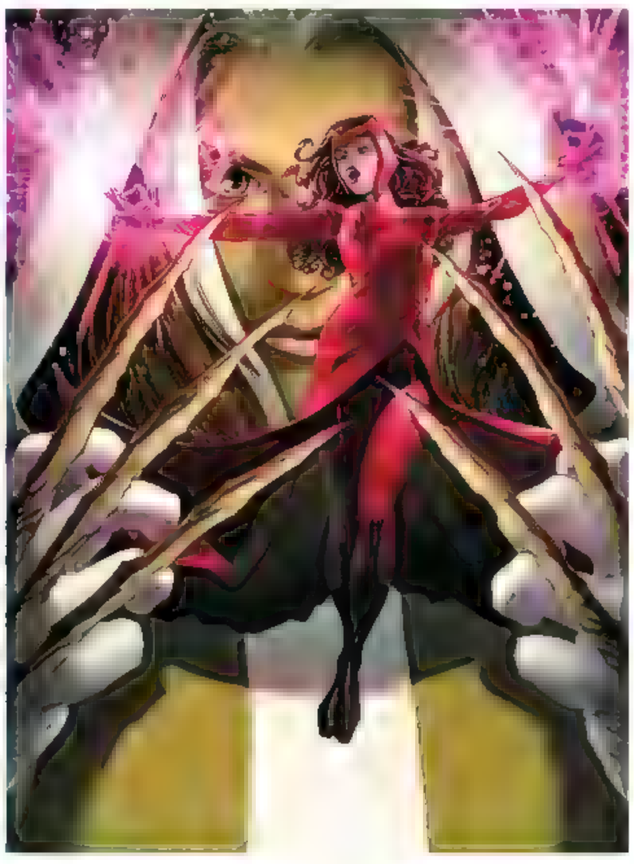
THE MIGHTY AVENGERS IN:
NO SINGLE HERO

THE ASSEMBLY!

YOUR ONE-STOP NEWS SOURCE FOR ALL THINGS AVENGERS!

Coulson Lives! And you can find him on ABC Tuesday nights at 8:00 as the linchpin of **MARVEL'S AGENTS OF S.H.I.E.L.D.**! Unless you've been living on a desert island these past few weeks, you've already heard about how the premiere broke records in terms of its audience! And that's only the tip of the iceberg—you'll be amazed by the surprises the series has in store for future episodes (which is why smarter true believers tune in live)! If you're getting the impression that we're kinda excited by all this, give yourself a gold star—it's one more step toward Marvel's domination of the entire globe! Don't Yield, Back S.H.I.E.L.D.!

Just when you thought things couldn't get worse for the **UNCANNY AVENGERS**, it's time to begin "RAGNAROK NOW!," the second movement of our big Apocalypse Twins saga! And joining writer Rick Remender in torturing both mutant and non-mutant Avenger alike is artist Steve McNiven (whom you may remember from such almost-forgotten stories as "Old Man Logan," "Brand New Day" and CIVIL WAR)! Starting things off with a bang in this month's issue #14, you won't believe the shocking twists and turns—not to mention which characters don't make it to the end of the issue in one piece! We've maxed out the crazy factor here, so don't be caught off-guard! Absolutely no one will be seated without $3.99!



Well, the votes have been tallied, and we're ready to share the results of our recent Favorite Avengers poll. Ever since we posted the mid-term rankings a while back, there's been a swell of activity— specifically, the members of the "Carol Corps" of CAPTAIN MARVEL fans got the vote out to support their faves!

So here's the tale of the tape:

FAVORITE AVENGERS SERIES –
In a surprise upset, AVENGERS ASSEMBLE took it by a wide margin. NEW AVENGERS was the runner-up!

FAVORITE AVENGERS WRITER –
– Kelly Sue DeConnick, with Jonathan Hickman as the number two.

FAVORITE AVENGERS PENCILER –
Stefano Caselli, with the second spot split between John Cassaday, Steve Epting, Dustin Weaver and Jamie McKelvie

FAVORITE AVENGERS INKER –
Rick Magyar

FAVORITE AVENGERS COLORIST –
Jordie Bellaire

FAVORITE AVENGERS LETTERER –
A three-way draw between Cory Petit, Joe Caramagna and Clayton Cowles, all of Virtual Calligraphy

We're not sure what this tells us (other than not to mess with those CAPTAIN MARVEL fans), but congratulations to all of the winners!

And what would this page be without a Letter of the Month?

Hello there, my name is Chris Countryman. I'm a 31yr old medically retired Army Veteran. Growing up, if I wasn't outside playing basketball or football I was inside reading my Marvel comics all the time. While other kids joined gangs over street names and colors I was all about my Marvel heroes! When we were attacked on 09\11, I joined the Army to go and fight for this country I love. It was very hard to get comics during my 1st tour, but on my 2nd tour in Iraq I was better prepared. Well, 8 months in I was hit by a roadside bomb that smashed our armored pretty bad. Thankfully my crew came away with just bumps and bruises but I unfortunately received a traumatic brain injury. I'm not telling my story for sympathy because I'd do it all over again in a heartbeat. My point is that there's a chance I'm recovering a lot better and keeping my brain cells a lot more active because I'm constantly using and stimulating those brain cells. So on behalf of my family I'd like to say thank you all for all the great work.

Chris Countryman

And thank you for your service, Chris!

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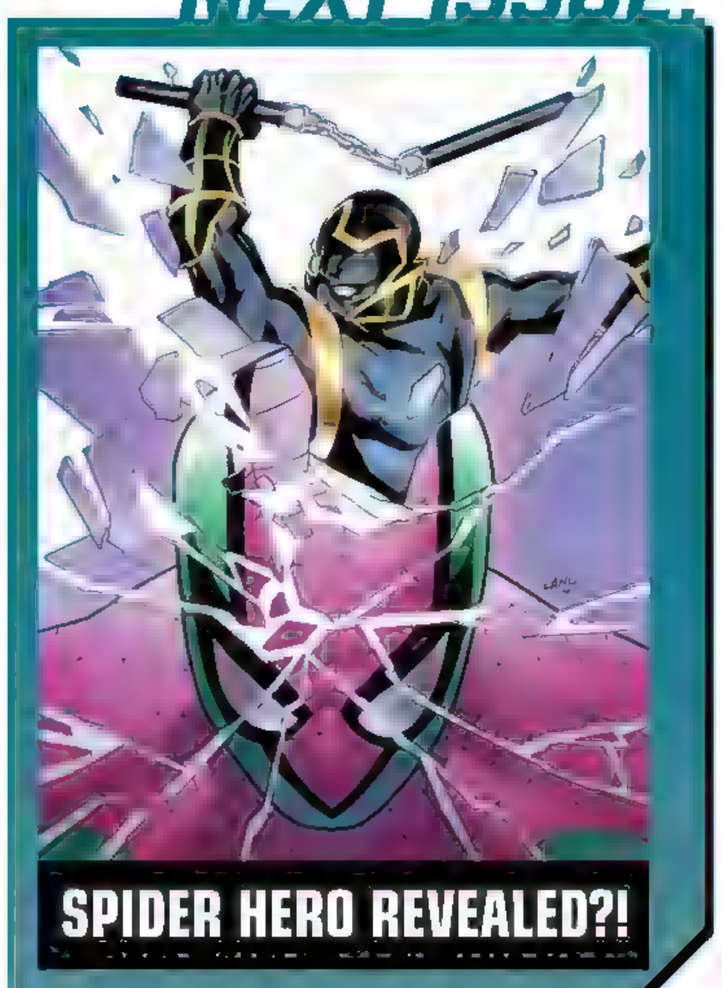

AVENGERS TITLES ON SALE

AVENGERS #23
INFINITY TIE-IN! THE BATTLE FOR EARTH MOVES PLANETSIDE!

AVENGERS A.I. #6
THE MAN BEHIND THE IRON (MAN) MASK REVEALED!

AVENGERS ARENA #17
BOSS LEVEL! IT'S AN ALL-OUT BATTLE ROYALE (TO COIN A PHRASE)!

AVENGERS ARENA #18
SERIES FINALE! WHO WILL LIVE AND WHO WILL DIE?

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE #21
AS INFINITY LEADS TO INHUMANITY, WHAT'S GOING ON WITH SPIDER-GIRL?

INFINITY #6
THE MEGA-SIZED CONCLUSION AS THE AVENGERS BATTLE THANOS FOR THE EARTH!

MIGHTY AVENGERS #3
INFINITY TIE-IN! THE RETURN OF ADAM, THE BLUE MARVEL!

NEW AVENGERS #12
INFINITY TIE-IN! THE AFTERMATH OF THE WAR IS FELT!

SECRET AVENGERS #11
INFINITY TIE-IN! ON THE FRONT LINES OF THE BATTLE FOR EARTH!

UNCANNY AVENGERS #14
RAGNAROK NOW! STEVE MCNIVEN! WHAT MORE DO YOU NEED?

YOUNG AVENGERS #12
THE YOUNG AVENGERS VS. THE YOUNG AVENGERS!

A + X #14
CAPTAIN AMERICA AND CYCLOPS CONTINUE THEIR QUEST, AND THE SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN BONDS WITH MAGNETO!

ALSO ON SALE!

MARVEL UNIVERSE AVENGERS ASSEMBLE #2

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ONLY INHUMAN ON THE INSIDE

During the great battle with Thanos's forces, the Inhuman city of Attilan was destroyed, falling from its place over Manhattan into the Hudson River. In the destruction, the catalyst that causes the Inhumans to manifest their strange powers, known as the Terrigen mist, was released into the atmosphere. As it spread around the world it caused individuals with latent Inhuman genes to be enveloped in a cocoon-like structure and then "hatch" with varying powers.

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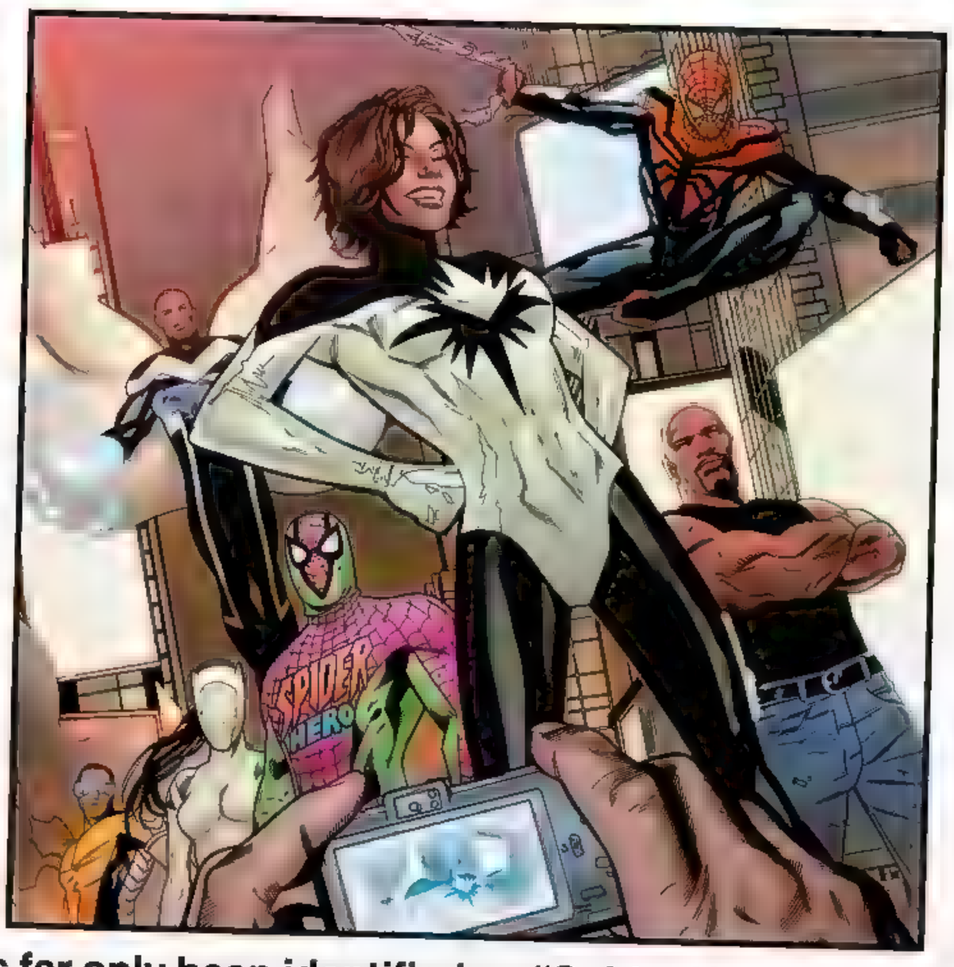
NEW TEAM LOOKING MIGHTY FINE!

Super hero LUKE CAGE was looking for a few good men and women to reopen his old venture HEROES FOR HIRE after he left the AVENGERS to focus more time on his family. Recruitment turned out easier than expected, when an attack on New York drew the awesome fighting forces of the light-powered Spectrum (a.k.a. Monica Rambeau, a fellow ex-Avenger), the Superior Spider-Man, the Blue Marvel (a.k.a. Adam Brashear), two former Avengers Academy students White Tiger and Power Man, and a colorfully masked vigilante who has thus far only been identified as "Spider Hero." After soundly defeating the monster Shuma-Gorath, the band of champions came together not as heroes for hire, but instead as THE MIGHTY AVENGERS!



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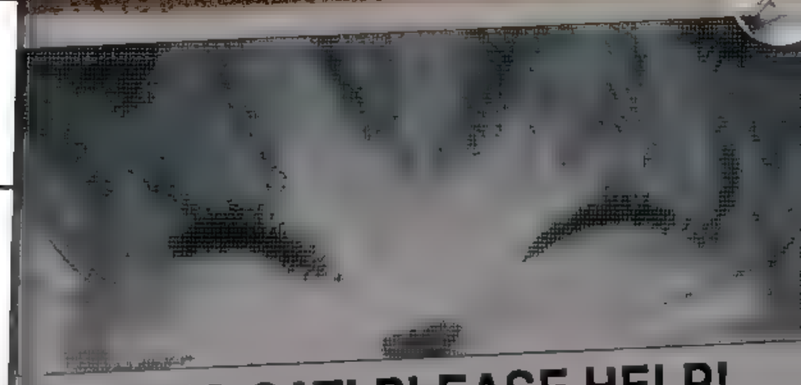

MISSING CAT! PLEASE HELP!

The bullpen cat has gone missing under Jacob Thomas's watch! This is the last photograph we were able to capture of the kitten before she ran away. Please contact Deb, Irene, Idette or Manny if you have spotted her!

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EVERYBODY *WANTS* TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

WE'D ALL LIKE SOCIETY TO BE A LITTLE *BETTER.* A LITTLE *SMARTER.* A LITTLE *FAIRER.*

JUST A *LITTLE.*

SO WHAT IF THERE WAS AN *APP* FOR THAT?

HI. MY NAME IS *JASON QUANTRELL,* AND I RUN *CORTEX INCORPORATED.*

WE DO A LOT OF THINGS. SOFTWARE. HARDWARE. BUSINESS SOLUTIONS.

BUT WHAT WE *WANT* TO DO IS *IMPROVE THE WORLD.* FOR YOU.

AND FOR *US.*

CORTEX.

TOMORROW IS IN OUR HANDS.

AND... *CUT.*

SO, DID WE *GET* IT THAT TIME?

WE'RE ALL *DONE*, MR. Q. YOU HAVE A *GREAT DAY* NOW--YOU *TOO*, MS., UH...

QUICKFIRE. PERSONAL SECURITY FOR MR. QUANTRELL.

YOU CAN *LEAVE* NOW.

GEEZ.

BARBARA, WOULD IT *KILL* YOU TO BE NICER TO THE LITTLE PEOPLE?

NOT MY JOB TO BE *NICE*, SIR.

LISTEN, IF YOU'RE FEELING *STRESSED* AFTER...

"...WELL, AFTER YOUR *ILLNESS*..."

AFTER I INHALED SOME OF THE *XENOBIOLOGICAL MUTAGEN* BLANKETING THE CITY DURING THE THANOS EVENT?

AFTER I SPENT TWO DAYS IN A *CHRYSALIS*?

LET'S CALL IT WHAT IT IS, MR. QUANTRELL.

WELL, IF WE'RE CALLING IT WHAT IT *IS*...

...HOW ARE YOU FINDING THE *SUPER-POWERS*?

USEFUL.

SO YOU'RE GETTING THE HANG OF THE WHOLE SLO-O-O

BUUZZZ.

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ZZ.

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ZZZ.

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ZZZ.

O-O-OWING DOWN *TIME* THING?

...I'VE BEEN *PRACTICING.*

BUT IT'S STILL HARD TO SLOW MORE THAN *ONE* TARGET AT A TIME--

EVEN SO. IT'S A *FANTASTIC* ABILITY.

IF ONLY WE COULD *BOTTLE* IT, RIGHT?

BUT THAT'S WHAT CORTEX IS ALL ABOUT. *BOTTLING* IT--WHATEVER "IT" MIGHT *BE.*

THE *NEXT* "IT." THE NEXT BIG SOCIAL *CHANGE. FIND* IT, *BOTTLE* IT, *BRAND* IT, *USE* IT.

CONTROL IT. CONTROL THE WORLD *THROUGH* IT.

WHAT IF WE COULD CONTROL WHAT HAPPENED TO *YOU?* FIND WAYS TO TRIGGER IT IN NORMAL *HUMAN* BLOODLINES?

I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY THE FIRST THING WE'D NEED IS SOME FRESH *TERRIGEN* CRYSTAL...

...AND I THINK I KNOW WHERE THERE MIGHT BE SOME FLOATING AROUND.

THE RUINS OF ATTILAN.
FORMER HOME OF THE INHUMANS.

HEY!

NOTHIN' TO *SEE* HERE, BUDDY. YOU KNOW WHAT'S *GOOD* FOR YOU, YOU'LL MOVE *ALONG.*

DON'T MAKE ME TELL YOU *TWICE.*

"YEAH, THAT'S BETTER..."

ERVAL INDUSTRIES

RESILIENT

CORTEX

THE GEM THEATER.
HEADQUARTERS OF THE MIGHTY AVENGERS.

IT'S THE PERFECT METAPHOR, CAGE.

YOU CAN HIRE AS MANY PAINTERS AND DECORATORS AS YOU *WANT*...

NCI

...BUT THIS MUSTY OLD RELIC WILL *NEVER* BE AVENGERS TOWER.

SIMILARLY, YOUR RAGTAG MOB OF *C-LISTERS* WILL NEVER BE *THE AVENGERS.*

WHY NOT JUST CALL YOURSELVES THE *CHAMPIONS* AND BE DONE WITH IT?

THE SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN.
DELICIOUS DOC OCK IN A CRISPY SPIDEY SHELL.

AT LEAST *"HEROES FOR HIRE"* WAS *ACCURATE--*

WAS.

THE MIGHTY AVENGERS IS A *VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION.* WE DON'T TAKE MONEY FROM CLIENTS.

LUKE CAGE.
RUNS THE SHOW. DRESSES THE PART.

AH, SO YOU *ADMIT* I WAS--

--WAIT, HOW ARE YOU PAYING FOR ALL THIS?

I'LL GET TO THAT.

THIS IS THE *HOTLINE ROOM.* ONCE WE'VE SET UP THE *LINES*--AND THE *OPERATORS*--WE CAN START TAKING CALLS FROM PEOPLE WHO *NEED* US.

YEAH? *REGULAR* PEOPLE OR *S.H.I.E.L.D.*-TYPE PEOPLE?

ANYONE WHO NEEDS US. ANYTHING THEY NEED US *FOR.*

I KNOW ONE GUY WHO'D LOVE TO BE PART OF *THAT*--

FALCON.
CRIME-BUSTING SUPER-SPY. ALSO FLIES.

CAP'S WELCOME ANY TIME HE LIKES. WE'VE GOT ROOM.

ANYWAY, FUNDING'S MOSTLY GOING TO COME FROM *DONATIONS*, BUT WE'VE GOT INVESTORS TO HELP WITH *START-UP COSTS*...

DAVE GRIFFITH.
LUKE'S EX-PARTNER. PART-OWNER OF THE GEM.

YEAH, *DOC BRASHEAR* PUT SOME OF HIS *PATENT MONEY* INTO THIS PLACE-- ENOUGH TO GET IT UP TO *CODE*, AT LEAST.

MAYBE WE COULD EVEN SHOW *OLD MOVIES* HERE AGAIN...

HEY, WHERE *IS* ADAM, ANYWAY?

MUNN-CA!

THAT'S *RIGHT*, BABY--

JESSICA JONES & DANIELLE.
SUPER PRIVATE EYE & TODDLER.

WE'LL SEE HIM WHEN WE *SEE* HIM, I GUESS.

MAN'S GOT HIS *PRIORITIES*...

THE BLUE MARVEL.
A MAN WITH PRIORITIES.

WIR HABEN *FÜNFZEHN MINUTEN* VOR DEM *W.E.S.P.E.* ZERSTÖREN DIE *WELT* MIT IHREN *STECHEN-GAS*, MEIN FREUND!

DANN MÜSSEN WIR *BEENDEN* IHRE BÖSEN PLAN--ODER BEIM *VERSUCH STERBEN!*

HAUPTMANN DEUTSCHLAND.
THE CAPTAIN AMERICA OF GERMANY.

THE TERROR-HIVES OF W.E.S.P.E.
ONE OF DOZENS OF WORLD-THREATENING PROBLEMS YOU WILL NEVER HEAR ABOUT.

OH, *PLEASE.* IF THERE WAS ANYTHING *IMPORTANT* HAPPENING, I'D HAVE *HEARD* ABOUT IT.

AND DO YOU *HONESTLY* BELIEVE THE AVERAGE MORON OFF THE *STREET* HAS ANYTHING *USEFUL* TO TELL US? OR ANYTHING MY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS *CAN'T?*

THIS WHOLE OPERATION IS *SCREAMING* FOR SOME *COMPETENT LEADERSHIP--*

SPIDER-BOT #3911 REPORTING POSSIBLE **LOOTER** SIGHTING, ESSEX AND GRAND.

OH, PLEASE *DO.*

I HAVEN'T TASERED A LOUDMOUTH IN *DAYS.*

--BUT! I'LL RETURN TO DISCUSS *THAT* AT A MORE APPOSITE TIME.

EXIT

EXIT

MAN, SOMEHOW THAT GUY'S TURNED INTO A *TOTAL--*

POOPY MAN!

EXACTLY! THANK YOU!

ANYBODY KNOW *WHY?*

SPECTRUM.

ELECTROMAGNETIC POWERHOUSE. FIELD LEADER.

I MEAN, HE'S GONE FROM *GOOFY* TO--WELL FOR WANT OF A BETTER WORD, *POOPY...*

ATLAS SHRUGGED.

YOU THINK?

SURE. IT'S "CHANGED HIS LIFE."

SAW IT ALL THE TIME IN *FILM SCHOOL.*

WHATEVER. HE'S ***WRONG*** ABOUT US-- ABOUT ***THIS.***

WE'RE HERE TO ***FIGHT*** WHAT CAN'T BE FOUGHT ***ALONE***, FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ***NEED*** US TO. THE ONES WHO CAN'T FIGHT AT ***ALL.***

IF THAT AIN'T THE ***DEFINITION*** OF AVENGER--WELL, I'M ***CHANGING*** THE DAMN DEFINITION RIGHT NOW.

WELL, I KNOW TONY'S FINE WITH YOU LEADING YOUR ***OWN*** AVENGERS TEAM--

YEAH, I'M AIMING A LITTLE ***BIGGER*** THIS TIME.

YOU TELL HIM WE NEED ***FULL AUTONOMY*** ON THIS-- MORE THAN BEFORE. NOBODY LOOKING OVER OUR SHOULDER. THIS NEEDS TO BE ***OUR*** SHOW.

WHOA, WHOA, HOLD ON.

WHY DO ***I*** HAVE TO TELL HIM?

WELL... YOU'RE HERE ON OFFICIAL ***BUSINESS***, RIGHT, SAM? FROM THE ***OTHER*** AVENGERS?

NO OFFENSE, BUT I FIGURED YOU WERE WITH ***SPIDEY***--

OH, NO. NO NO NO. HELL NO. NOBODY IS "WITH" THAT GUY.

HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO SEE YOUR NEW HQ, I FIGURED I'D TAG ALONG. THAT'S ALL. WE ARE NOT FRIENDS.

THE DUDE STEALS FOOD FROM THE KITCHEN AND SPITS IN IT.

WAIT, HOLD UP--SO YOU'RE NOT HERE FROM CAP?

LUKE-- MY NAME IS NOT "AND THE FALCON." I DO HAVE THINGS GOING ON OUTSIDE STEVE, OKAY?

THAT WASN'T CAP I WAS TALKING ABOUT EARLIER. I MEANT ME. I WANT TO BE A PART OF THIS.

BUT IF I'M JUST HERE ON A PLUS ONE--

YOU'RE NOT. AND I'M SORRY-- ALL THAT "CAP" STUFF, I KNOW YOU GET A LOT OF THAT.

BUT EVERYBODY HERE KNOWS YOU'RE YOUR OWN...

AQUÍ NECESITAMOS UN DOJO.

CLARO, PARA QUE PUEDA PATEARTE EL TRASERO--

OH, HEY! FALCON! AWESOME!

THAT MEANS CAPTAIN AMERICA'S HERE TOO, RIGHT?

SPIDER HERO. (NO HYPHEN.)
MAN OF MYSTERY.

...THE *SHORT* VERSION? I JUST NEEDED SOMETHING TO COVER MY *FACE.*

NOBODY CARES IF *BOOTLEG SPIDEY'S* ON THE NEWS-- ESPECIALLY NOT THE *WALKERS.*

WHEREAS IF THE *REAL* YOU MADE AN APPEARANCE... YES, GOOD THINKING. YOU SHOULD CHANGE THE *COSTUME,* THOUGH--

RIGHT. KEEP THEM OFF THE *SCENT.*

KALUU.
IMMORTAL BLACK MAGICIAN.

OH NO, I JUST MEANT THAT IT'S *HIDEOUS.*

GOOD WORK DEALING WITH *SHUMA-GORATH,* BY THE WAY...

YOU *SAW* THAT?

NOT REALLY. I SPENT MOST OF IT TRYING TO ESCAPE TO SOME LESS *DOOMED* PLANE OF EXISTENCE...

DOC BRASHEAR WAS THERE.

ADAM BRASHEAR? HE'S BACK IN ACTION?

I THINK WE'RE ON THE SAME *SUPERTEAM* NOW. IT'S CALLED THE *MIGHTY AVENGERS.*

JIM LUCAS' *SON* IS *RUNNING* IT.

THAT'S THE UNIVERSE TRYING TO *TELL* US SOMETHING.

SYNCHRONICITIES ARE THE *CANARIES* IN THE MINES OF MAGIC, MY FRIEND. IF FATE IS BRINGING US *TOGETHER* LIKE THIS...

...THEN WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF *TIME.*

EXACTLY.

SO STEP IT *UP,* OLD MAN. WE NEED TO FIND THE WALKERS *NOW--*

I CAN NARROW IT DOWN TO *NEW YORK.* BEYOND *THAT,* THEY'RE JUST TOO WELL *HIDDEN...*

...ALTHOUGH...

...I AM GETTING THE SMALLEST *ECHOES* IN THE AETHER. ONE OF THEIR *CREATURES,* PERHAPS.

SOMEWHERE... *HERE.*

ATTILAN. GREAT.

YOU'D THINK THEY'D HAVE GOT IT OUT OF THE *HUDSON* BY NOW...

FALLEN ATTILAN.
STILL IN THE HUDSON.

WHY IS THAT, AGENT TREMAINE?

WHY--IN A WORLD OF ANTI-GRAVITY, OMEGA-LEVEL TELEKINESIS AND HELICARRIERS WITH BIG CHAINS AND HOOKS-- TO NAME BUT THREE METHODS YOU COULD'VE USED--

--IS A RUINED CITY FULL OF TASTY MUTAGENIC COMPOUNDS STILL IN THE #%$€!^@ HUDSON?

NO NEED TO SHOUT, MA'AM.

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE AWARE, BUT HANK PYM--

OH, I'M AWARE, AGENT.

HANK PYM AND HIS ROBO-FRIENDS HAD SOME ROBO-STUFF TO DO. SO THEY DID IT. AND NOW IT IS DONE.* SEE HOW THAT WORKS?

GET IT DONE, AGENT.

...YES, MA'AM.

*CHECK OUT SAID "ROBO-STUFF" IN AVENGERS A.I. #7.INH! --EDITOR BOT

AND TREMAINE?

NEXT TIME YOU PATRONIZE ME, I'M GOING TO SIT YOU DOWN AND TELL YOU EVERYTHING I'M "AWARE" OF.

AND THEN I'LL JUST HAVE TO KILL YOU.

HILL OUT.

CLIK

MAN.

DAYS LIKE THIS, I MISS DIRECTOR JOHNSON, YOU KNOW?

SIR, WE *COULD* POSSIBLY ATTACH SOME ANTI-GRAVITY UNITS TO--

SON, WHEN I WANT YOUR *OPINION*, I'LL *TELL* IT TO YOU.

WE'RE RUNNING THIS OPERATION TO *MY* SCHEDULE, AND I'VE GOT *GOOD* REASONS FOR...

FOR...

FOR THE *DEATHWALKERS.*

FOR THE *FOUR WHO RULE.*

ATTILAN *MUST NOT* BE DISTURBED.

ATTILAN MUST NOT BE DISTURBED.

UNTIL THE SEARCH IS *OVER.*

UNTIL THE *HELLHOUND* HAS FINISHED HIS *HUNT.*

UNTIL THE TALISMAN IS *FOUND.*

UNTIL THE FOUR CAN *FINALLY* BE *ONE.*

UNTIL... THE HUMAN WORLD CAN *END...*

YESSS...

IT WASN'T THE END OF THE WORLD.

IT WAS A SHOCK, BUT IT COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE.

BARBARA MCDEVITT HAD READ THE REPORTS. THE MOB BOSS WHO TURNED PURPLE AND SPIKY. THE GIRL WHO BECAME ELECTRICITY AND WENT INSANE.

AND THEN THERE WERE THE ONES STILL TRAPPED IN THEIR COCOONS. STILL MUTATING.

BEST NOT TO THINK ABOUT IT.

DIVING DOWN, SHE LETS HER MIND RETURN TO THE WORK, FEELING THE FAMILIAR ZEN CALM STEAL OVER HER.

EACH MINISUB HELD THREE AGENTS-- TOO MANY FOR HER POWERS TO AFFECT.

NO PROBLEM.

BEFORE SHE'D KNOWN SHE WAS AN INHUMAN, QUICKFIRE HAD TRAINED FOR OVER A DECADE AS A CORPORATE SPY.

SHE DIDN'T NEED POWERS.

CLICK

THE LIGHTBENDER WAS MODELLED ON STARK TECHNOLOGY.

IT WAS CRUDE--GUESSWORK TAKING THE PLACE OF GENIUS-- BUT IN THE DEEP WATER, IT WAS MORE THAN ENOUGH.

TWO MINUTES LATER, SHE WAS INSIDE.

THIS IS QUICKFIRE TO *HOME BASE.* OBJECTIVE HAS BEEN BREACHED.

OVER.

GOOD WORK, BARB--

RADIO *SILENCE*, HOME BASE.

UNLESS I TELL YOU *OTHERWISE.*

BARBARA SUPPRESSED A SUDDEN FLASH OF IRRITATION.

JASON HAD ALWAYS SEEN HIMSELF AS ABOVE THE RULES, EVEN HERS. BUT THEY WERE THERE FOR HIS PROTECTION.

AS LONG AS HE COULD DENY ALL KNOWLEDGE OF HER OFF-DUTY ACTIVITIES, HIS HANDS COULD REMAIN CLEAN. NO MATTER WHAT SHE DID.

AND IN THE EVENT OF HER CAPTURE--BY S.H.I.E.L.D. OR ANYONE ELSE--THE PROTOCOL WAS VERY SIMPLE:

THROW HER TO THE WOLVES.

OKAY, SO YOU WANT TO BE ON OUR TEAM *AND* TONY'S TEAM AT THE SAME TIME?

BECAUSE THAT COULD GET A LITTLE *COMPLICATED*...

NOT REALLY. I JUST NEED TO BE ON *CALL* FOR THE BIG *COSMIC STUFF*--

OURS, OR *THEIRS*?

EITHER WAY, WE NEED TO START LOOKING INTO SOME SORT OF *SIGNAL*...

...DEVICES...

YOU KNOW, IF YOU DON'T WANT FOLKS KNOWING WHO YOU *ARE*...

...YOU NEED TO STOP WEARING THE SAME NASTY-ASS *COAT* EVERY DAY.

YOU *DREAM* OF A COAT SO NASTY.

LONG TIME NO *SEE*, CAGE.

YOU KNOW, I WOULD *NOT* HAVE PEGGED YOU FOR A DAY-GLO SPANDEX INDIVIDUAL...

MY FACE NEEDS TO BE OUT OF THE PAPERS RIGHT NOW. YOU GOT ANYTHING THAT WASN'T MADE IN A *SWEATSHOP*, LET ME KNOW.

RIGHT NOW I NEED SOME HELP BREAKING INTO *ATTILAN*--

WE CAN GET TO THAT.

HONEY, DO WE STILL HAVE THAT BIG BOX OF *CLINT BARTON'S* OLD STUFF?

UPSTAIRS. IN THE *APARTMENT*.

NOBODY'S GOING TO MENTION THE BREAKING INTO ATTILAN THING?

OH, YEAH.

THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.

RONIN.
PRESS PLAY ON SOUNDTRACK NOW.

A-SEM-BUH!

THAT'S *RIGHT*, BABY GIRL--

YOU'RE NOT GOING *WITH* THEM?

I MADE YOU TWO A *PROMISE* AND I DON'T FEEL LIKE *BREAKING* IT TODAY. *MONICA'S* GOT IT COVERED.

ANYWAY, I NEED TO KEEP AN APPOINTMENT WITH OUR *LEGAL REPRESENTATION*--

YOU MEAN YOUR EX?

THE *LAWYER.*

HONEY, WE *TALKED* ABOUT THIS--I AM *NOT* HIRING MURDOCK--

RIGHT, BECAUSE THERE ARE ONLY *TWO LAWYERS* IN NEW YORK CITY...

HONEY--

YOU'RE ON THE *POWER COUCH* TONIGHT.

POW COW!

SEE, BABY AGREES WITH ME.

THAT WAS A *SOUND EFFECT* AND A *FARM ANIMAL*--

CAGE!

IS THAT *SPIDEY?*

WHAT'S THAT *WITH* HIM? SOME KIND OF ROBOT?

OH, I AM *NOT* IN THE MOOD FOR THIS--

I SAID I'D BE BACK, CAGE!

BACK TO DISCUSS *PROPER LEADERSHIP!*

MY LEADERSHIP!

SO EITHER YOU GET OUT HERE AND *DISCUSS* IT--IN THE *AFFIRMATIVE*, MIND YOU--OR I'LL COME IN *THERE*...

...AND TEAR THAT HELLHOLE DOWN AROUND YOUR EARS!

TO BE PUNCHTINUED...!

THE ASSEMBLY!

YOUR ONE-STOP NEWS SOURCE FOR ALL THINGS AVENGERS!

Have we got an extra-special X-Mas present for you! On December 24th, **AVENGERS #24.NOW** kicks off the next wave of ALL-NEW MARVEL NOW! titles! It's an oversized epic from Jonathan Hickman and Esad Ribic, a self-contained story that sets elements into motion that'll culminate in…but that would be telling! It's also available with Daniel Acuña's amazing six-foot AVENGERS 50th Anniversary poster, showcasing the whole blamed line-up! And this is just the first of what will be a bevy of all-star new releases from our best and brightest that will be coming your way in the opening months of 2014! Just look for the big confusing #1 on the cover, and you'll know you're where it's at!

(Couldn't even fit the whole image! It's HUGE!)

As if any more evidence were necessary to prove that Avengers mania is taking over the world, the whole White family took the opportunity to assemble this past Halloween! Left to right, we've got Charles, 8; Judi, 12; Kira, 9; Rachel, 6; Ethan, 11; and David, 8! Looking good, kids!

Hey! Here's a letter!

Hi! This is Matthew Sean and I am eleven years old. I've been reading Marvel Comics since as long as I can remember. I've read just about every series since 2005. And let me just say… UNCANNY AVENGERS is my all-time favorite!!!! It rocks! Not only does it have great dialogue by Rick, it also has great covers by John Cassaday, and awesome art. Keep it up.

Matthew Sean

P.S. It would be awesome if I get an e-mail back or even better… the letter of the month on UNCANNY AVENGERS #13.

Yeah, that would be pretty cool, Matthew! But what are the chances that it'll happen?

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ONLY INHUMAN ON THE INSIDE

During the great battle with Thanos's forces, the Inhuman city of Attilan was destroyed, falling from its place over Manhattan into the Hudson River. In the destruction, the catalyst that causes the Inhumans to manifest their strange powers, known as the Terrigen Mist, was released into the atmosphere. As it spread around the world it caused individuals with latent Inhuman genes to be enveloped in a cocoon-like structure and then "hatch" with varying powers.

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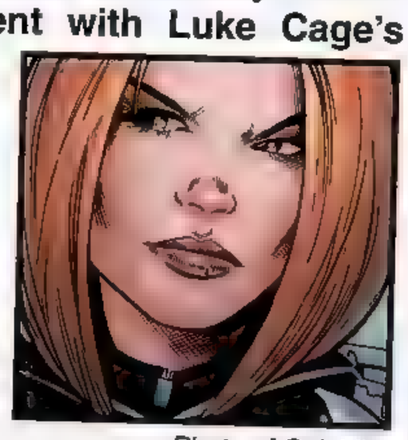
Anyone looking to catch a glimpse at some of New York's greatest heroes should cast their eyes toward the Hudson River, where Luke Cage, leader of the newly minted Mighty Avengers, is taking his team to investigate the fallen Inhuman city of Attilan...but to what ends? Perhaps the answer lies with the mysterious Spider Hero, now going by Ronin, and his hidden alliance with the black magician Kaluu.

Ronin's not the only one with secrets, as team member Spider-Man is actually Doctor Octopus in disguise! What's NOT a secret is his discontent with Luke Cage's leadership abilities!

There must be something in the water, because the Mighty Avengers aren't the only ones Attilan-bound! Jason Quantrell, head of Cortex Incorporated, has sent Quickfire, head of his personal security and newly empowered Inhuman, to raid Attilan's ruins for possible profit! But beware, Quickfire! There are more interests involved in Attilan's exhumation than you know!



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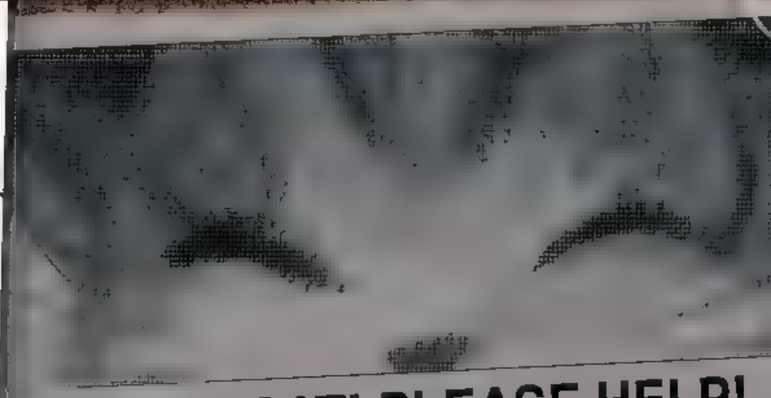

MISSING CAT! PLEASE HELP!

The bullpen cat has gone missing under Jacob Thomas's watch! This is the last photograph we were able to capture of the kitten before she ran away. Please contact Deb, Irene, Idette or Manny if you have spotted her!

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THE GEM THEATER.
THE SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN.
ON HIS TEAM: MINIONS, ROBOTS, MINION-DRIVEN ROBOTS.

IT'S PERFECTLY *SIMPLE*, CAGE-- EVEN FOR SOMEONE OF *YOUR* LIMITED EDUCATION. I'M *ALREADY* DEVOTED TO PROTECTING THE CITIZENS OF NEW YORK.

TO HAVE *YOU* BUMBLING AROUND WITH YOUR IDIOTIC *HOTLINE*, CONSTANTLY GETTING IN MY *WAY*... IT'S *RIDICULOUSLY* INEFFICIENT.

NOW, I'M NOT SAYING YOU PEOPLE DON'T HAVE YOUR *USES!* YOU'RE *UNFOCUSED*, THAT'S ALL. IN NEED OF *TRUE* LEADERSHIP.

YOU'LL DO *VASTLY* MORE GOOD FOR THE CITY AS PART OF *MY* PERSONAL AVENGERS...

DAVE'S HAILING A CAB. YOU GOT THE *FARE* ON YOU?

SURE.

LUKE CAGE & JESSICA JONES.
ON THEIR TEAM: A BABY. ADVANTAGE: BABY.

THESE ARE MY WEB-SHOOTERS!

LIKE YOU *GOT* A PAIR, YOU MISERABLE MAGGOTS! TEN-*HUT!*

THERE ARE MANY LIKE THEM, BUT THESE ONES ARE MINE!

...THE *SUPERIOR AVENGERS!*

A *CRACK UNIT!* *MILITARY* DISCIPLINE! A *PERSONAL BARRACKS* ON SPIDER-ISLAND, NOT SOME GRUBBY, HOBO-STAINED *MOVIE THEATER!*

YOU'LL HAVE *TOP-LEVEL* MINION STATUS--THE HIGHEST ECHELONS! YOU'LL BE *FEARED* AND *RESPECTED* BY THE PEOPLE OF--

HEY!

TIME OUT!

UM...

ONE SECOND-- GOD--

DAVE, CAN YOU TAKE DANIELLE OVER TO YOUR PLACE FOR AN HOUR OR SO?

UH, SURE. ARE YOU GUYS GOING TO--?

MAKE SURE YOU GOT BABY WIPES AND SKIM MILK. SHE CAN WATCH CARAWAY DRIVE IF SHE'S GOOD. WE'LL COME PICK HER UP ABOUT FOUR, OKAY?

AND CALL THE LAWYER.

OKAY. NOW WE HAVE A BABYSITTER.

SO--IF YOU'RE ALL DONE TELLING ME ABOUT MY MANY USES--

--I FIGURE I CAN GET RIGHT ON WITH PUTTING YOUR HEAD THROUGH THAT SIDEWALK.

DON'T BE DIFFICULT, CAGE-- REMEMBER, MY SPIDER-SENSE CAN PREDICT YOUR EVERY--

YOU BRING YOUR THUGS TO MY HOUSE?

YOU POINT A GIANT ROBOT AT MY BABY?

PREDICT THIS, YOU #@%$£¢--

OH YEAH.

IT IS ON.

HELLO? UH, IT'S DAVE GRIFFITH--YEAH, FROM THE GEM.

LISTEN, LUKE WANTED TO MOVE THE MEETING UP A LITTLE...

ATTILAN, FALLEN CITY OF THE INHUMANS.
NOW SITTING IN THE HUDSON RIVER.
SO HOW'S THE SEARCH GOING, BARBARA?
FOUND ANY TERRIGEN CRYSTALS YET?
BARBARA MCDEVITT, A.K.A. QUICKFIRE.
CORPORATE SUPERSPY. HAS POWERS. DOESN'T NEED THEM.
CONGRATULATIONS, SIR.
IF THIS FREQUENCY'S BEING MONITORED, S.H.I.E.L.D. NOW HAS ENOUGH TO PUT YOU IN A DEEP, DARK HOLE FOR THE REST OF YOUR NATURAL LIFE.
IT'S CALLED RADIO SILENCE FOR A REASON--
OH, COME ON, BARB. YOU KNOW HOW GOOD YOU ARE AT THIS STUFF.
IF SOMEONE WAS WATCHING YOU, YOU'D ALREADY KNOW ALL ABOUT IT.
SO HOW ABOUT THAT TERRIGEN, HEY?
NONE TO BE FOUND.
JASON QUANTRELL, C.E.O. OF CORTEX INC.
WANTS IT ALL. WANTS IT NOW.
MY GUESS IS BLACK BOLT BLEW UP THEIR ENTIRE SUPPLY-- PROBABLY TO STOP IT FALLING INTO HANDS LIKE OURS.
WELL, HOW DARE HE.
I HAVE GREAT HANDS, BARB. I MOISTURIZE COMPULSIVELY.
CORTIQUE™ LOTION WITH JUST A DROP OF ALOE VERA--
HAVE TO STOP YOU THERE, SIR.
I'M PICKING UP A READING ON MY CONTACT LENSES...

...NOT *TERRIGEN*, BUT THE *ENERGY* SIGNATURE IS *OFF THE SCALE.*

COULD BE SOMETHING *BETTER.*

DON'T KEEP ME IN SUSPENSE...

I'M IN SOME KIND OF... I'D ALMOST CALL IT A *TROPHY ROOM,* SIR.

OR MAYBE AN *ARMORY...*

WELL, YOU'RE THE EXPERT ON *WEAPONS,* BARB.

FIND ME SOMETHING GOOD AND DANGEROUS...

INTERESTING. THE LOST TALISMAN OF KAMAR-TAJ WAS *DISGUISED,* THEN. *HIDDEN* FROM SIGHT AND SCENT BY THE INHUMAN KING.

BUT *NOT* HIDDEN FROM HER *HUMAN* SCIENCE. SHE'S DONE A GREAT *FAVOR* FOR US, THIS BARBARA.

SO MAKE IT *QUICK,* MY HELLHOUND. AND... *PLEASE.* DON'T SHOW ME THE *MESS.*

LICHIDUS. THIRD OF THE FOUR WHO RULE.

SCRYING FROM HIS TOWER OF MIRE AND DANK HUMORS.

I DO SO *HATE* THE SIGHT OF HUMAN *BLOOD...*

ABOVE GROUND.

THEY'RE CALLED THE DEATHWALKERS.

ALSO KNOWN AS THE *FOUR WHO RULE IN SHADOW.* ALSO KNOWN AS THE END OF THE *HUMAN RACE,* IF THEY GET THEIR WAY.

CALL THEM A *DOOMSDAY CULT* FOR NOW.

RONIN.
SHADOWY. MYSTERIOUS. INCREASINGLY COOL.

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT THEY *REALLY* ARE WHEN YOU'RE READY TO *KNOW.*

I'M GUESSING *S.H.I.E.L.D.* ISN'T READY TO KNOW *EITHER?* OR *TONY?*

OR ANYONE BUT *YOU,* RIGHT?

FALCON.
DOUBLE AVENGER. S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENT.
KNOWS WHAT EAGLES KNOW.

THAT'S HOW MY WORLD *IS,* WILSON. THE BAD GUYS *HIDE.*

SHINE TOO BIG A *LIGHT* ON THE FOUR AND THEY'LL SKITTER INTO THE *CRACKS.* THEN WE WON'T *FIND* THEM AGAIN UNTIL IT'S TOO *LATE.*

IF THEY EVEN KNEW WHO WAS *UNDER* THIS MASK... WELL, THAT DOESN'T MATTER.

FOR NOW, YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO *TRUST* ME.

TRUST YOU?

I KNOW HOW YOU *OPERATE,* "RONIN." I'VE KNOWN SINCE *NEW ORLEANS.*

DOESN'T MATTER *HOW* BIG THE CRISIS IS, OR WHO NEEDS *HELP*--AS SOON AS YOU GET WHAT *YOU* WANT, YOU'RE IN THE *WIND.*

NOT EVEN A *GOODBYE...*

GOODBYE DON'T GET THE *WORK* DONE.

MY *SOURCES* TELL ME THE DEATHWALKERS HAVE ONE OF THEIR *CREATURES* IN ATTILAN. I WANT TO KNOW *WHY.*

AND WORD TO THE *WISE*--THE *THIRD* OF THE FOUR HAS DOMINION OVER *WATER...*

...INCLUDING THE WATER IN *HUMAN BODIES*. WHICH MEANS *POSSESSION* MAY BE A FACTOR.

WATCH OUT FOR ITCHY TRIGGER FINGERS.

YOU! ADVANCE AND BE RECOGNIZED!

ALLOW ME.

SAM WILSON-- CODENAME: *FALCON*. YOU'LL FIND I HAVE OFFICIAL S.H.I.E.L.D. *SUPER-AGENT* STATUS.

SIR, YES, SIR!

PERMISSION TO COME *ABOARD*, AGENT TREMAINE?

I'LL... HAVE TO ASK MY *SUPERIORS*...

I DON'T LIKE THE LOOK OF THOSE *TRIGGER FINGERS*...

WE'RE PROBABLY OKAY, POWER MAN. LICHIDUS DOESN'T LIKE *MESS*.

AND THERE ARE WORSE THINGS THAN *GUNS*...

...

LET THEM *IN*, SLAVE, IF THAT IS WHAT THEY WISH.

I'M SURE THERE'S ROOM IN THE HELLHOUND'S BELLY FOR *SECONDS*...

BACK AT THE GEM THEATER.
THE LEADERSHIP DEBATE CONTINUES.

YOU WANT *ANOTHER* HELPING? *HUH?* COME ON, LINE UP!

I GOT SOME HERE FOR *ALL* OF YOU--

ROBO-COMMANDER SEVEN TO *SPIDER-MAN*--

AAAAEEEEIII!

--I HAVE *TARGET LOCK* ON *PERPETRATOR ONE!*

THEN *FIRE*, YOU FOOL! FIRE AT *ONCE!*

FIRE THE WEB-BOLAS!

CHOOM

THWIP THWIP

UNNHH--

THWIP THWIP

PERPETRATOR TWO IN MY SIGHTS!

TARGETING ARACHNO-FOAM!

GLOOOSH

HOW COME I'M PERPETRATOR-- AAAAHHH!

THE ARACHNO-FOAM SETS ROCK SOLID ON CONTACT-- ONE OF MY RIOT CONTROL TOOLS. DON'T WORRY, IT'S POROUS.

YOUR WIFE CAN BREATHE--

DINE IN

DINE-IN

THEN I GUESS YOU CAN TOO. FOR NOW.

DID YOU JUST DUCK OUT OF THIS FIGHT TO CHANGE YOUR MASK?

I HAVE AN IMAGE TO MAINTAIN. AND YOU'RE IN NO POSITION TO MAKE THREATS.

LET ME MAKE THIS CLEAR--YOU OPERATE, AND HAVE ALWAYS OPERATED, AT MY SUFFERANCE.

I HAVE THE MAYOR ON MY SIDE. AT MY BECK AND CALL, EVEN.

AT ANY TIME, I COULD HAVE YOUR BUILDING CONDEMNED. YOUR FRIENDS ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF... SOMETHING. YOUR CHILD TAKEN INTO CARE.

NOBODY WOULD QUESTION IT. NOBODY WOULD EVEN NOTICE.

I HAVE THE MAYOR, AND I HAVE AN ARMY, CAGE.

WHAT DO YOU HAVE?

WHUDDUKRABOOOMMM

WE HAVE A LAWYER.

HELLO, BOYS.

LET THE MEDIATION BEGIN.

THE SENSATIONAL SHE-HULK.
LAWYER. WORKING PRO BONO.

ATTILAN.
STILL WHERE WE LEFT IT.

THEY SHOULDN'T BE TOO MUCH LONGER.

YOU KNOW, I'LL BET THE *HULK* COULD LIFT IT OUT IF THERE WAS A *PUPPY* IN IT FOR HIM. HOW COME YOU HAVEN'T TRIED *THAT?*

UH... ACTUALLY, I DON'T...I DON'T *KNOW*... I...

I THINK I DRANK SOME *WATER*...AND THEN...

WELL, MAYBE I'LL ASK SOMEONE *ELSE.*

IS SAM GOING TO BE *OKAY?* IF THIS LICHIDUS HAS ALL THE S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENTS OUT THERE UNDER HIS SPELL--

ALL THE *HIGHER-UPS.* BUT THE INFLUENCE IS PRETTY *WEAK*-- OTHERWISE IT'D DRAW *ATTENTION.*

IF WILSON KEEPS THEM *OCCUPIED*-- *CONFUSES* THEM, MAKES THEM QUESTION THEIR *PROGRAMMING*--THEY'LL LET US TAKE ALL THE TIME WE *NEED.*

MAN, THE *CHI* HERE... IT FEELS *STRANGE. ALIEN.*

MY AMULET'S *THROBBING.* I THINK...

I THINK IT MIGHT BE *SCARED...*

THAT MEANS WE'RE *CLOSE.* STAY SHARP.

LIKE I SAID, THE WALKERS HAVE ONE OF THEIR *CREATURES* HERE--ONE OF THEIR *WERE-SERVANTS.*

WHICH MEANS THAT *SOMEWHERE* IN ATTILAN, THERE'S SOMETHING IT'S *HUNTING.*

SOMETHING THEY *WANT...*

...AND I THINK I MIGHT KNOW WHAT IT *IS.*

POWER MAN & WHITE TIGER.
NEXT-GENERATION A-LIST. BUT NOT USED TO THIS.

BARBARA MCDEVITT DIDN'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS, EXACTLY.

A SIMPLE STONE TABLET, DECORATED WITH SOME KIND OF RUNE OR SIGIL, OTHERWISE UNREMARKABLE...

...BUT ACCORDING TO HER READOUTS, IT WAS THE MOST DANGEROUS THING IN THE ROOM.

SO FAR.

OH, HEY, IT'S THE *LOST TALISMAN OF KAMAR-TAJ*. DIDN'T EXPECT *THAT*.

MIND IF I *BORROW* IT?

SHE DIDN'T RECOGNIZE THE COSTUMES. SUPER-PEOPLE HAD NEVER BEEN PART OF HER WORLD.

TO BE HONEST, SHE'D THOUGHT THEY WERE A LITTLE SILLY.

BUT THAT WAS BEFORE SHE SPENT FORTY-THREE HOURS MUTATING IN AN INHUMAN CHRYSALIS. BEFORE SHE CAME DOWN WITH SUPER-POWERS.

THESE DAYS, SHE COULD SEE THE APPEAL.

LOOK *UP.*

BARBARA'S THING WAS LOCALIZED TIME MANIPULATION.

SLOWING IT TO A STANDSTILL, IF SHE WANTED.

OH $#--

SNAP

OR SPEEDING IT UP.

RRRAAAARRGH!

AARRRRRH--

SKHHRRIIPP

NNNHH... HH..

RONIN!

IT--IT KILLED HIM-- TORE HIS GUTS OUT--

VIC!

FOCUS!

WHAM

IT HAD LIMITS. THE FIELD COULD ONLY COVER ONE PERSON AT A TIME, ALTHOUGH SHE WAS LEARNING TO STRETCH IT.

STILL, IT FORCED HER TO THINK TACTICALLY.

IF THE TWO KIDS WERE BUSY, THAT MADE THE WOMAN THE OBVIOUS TARGET.

FALL BACK! GIVE ME AN OPENI-I-I-I-I

WHOEVER SHE WAS, SHE WAS OBVIOUSLY USED TO COMMAND. SHUTTING HER DOWN WAS THE WINNING STRATEGY.

AND WITH ANYONE ELSE, IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

YOU'RE NOT FROZEN...?

BARBARA WAS STRICTLY CORPORATE. THE PAY WAS BETTER THAN SOMEWHERE LIKE A.I.M., AND THERE WAS A BONUS STRUCTURE IN PLACE. STOCK OPTIONS.

BUT...SUPER-PEOPLE HAD NEVER BEEN PART OF HER WORLD.

OKAY.

PLAN B.

BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM

SO SHE DIDN'T RECOGNIZE THE COSTUMES.

SPECTRUM. IF YOU'RE NASTY.

IF SHE HAD, MAYBE SHE'D HAVE REALIZED YOU CAN'T ACTUALLY PUT A BULLET THROUGH THE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM.

AND EVEN IF YOU SLOW THE SPEED OF LIGHT TO A STANDSTILL...

SHRRAZZAKK

AAAHHH--

...IT'S STILL A LOT FASTER THAN YOU.

KLONK

HHRRRRAARR!

AVA-- GET ITS ATTENTION--

HEY!

OVER HERE, BRUTO--THAT'S RIGHT--

NNAAARR! RAARR!

GET OFF OF ME, YOU MOUTHWASH-AVOIDING %@€#£!

THREE HEADS AND THEY ALL GOT HALITOSIS--

ALL RIGHT, SCRATCH ONE BUDGET BLACK WIDOW.

AND I SEE I'VE GOT THAT OPENING I ASKED FOR--

RR?

DOWN, BOY.

AAAAAOOOOOO--

GRK

IT'S NOT GOING DOWN--

SHE'LL EXHAUST HERSELF FIRST.

NOT MUCH CHI AROUND HERE I CAN USE-- EVERYTHING'S TOO INHUMAN--

MONICA'S A LIVING FORCE OF SCIENCE--THIS IS MAGIC. IT NEEDS US.

TRY THIS.

AVA?

UH, WHAT ARE YOU...?

RETURNING A FAVOR. YOU LENT ME SOME OF YOUR POWER, REMEMBER?

SO HOW MUCH CHI DO YOU THINK A PREHISTORIC TIGER GOD HAS?

NNNGGAAAHH--

HAD TO-- TEAR MYSELF LOOSE-- BURNING OUT--

DAMNED THING ISN'T EVEN WINDED--

OH, IT'S GONNA BE.

WE JUST INVENTED NEW YORK TIGER-STYLE KUNG-FU--

--AND IT GOES A LITTLE SOMETHING LIKE THIS!

YEAH, I'MA PUT YOU DOWN AS "SATISFIED."

THAT WAS FOR *RONIN*, YOU BIG, UGLY--

DON'T EULOGIZE RONIN JUST YET.

I TOLD YOU. THIS IS HOW HE *OPERATES.*

AS SOON AS HE GETS WHAT HE *WANTS*...

...HE'S IN THE *WIND.*

SORRY, MONICA.

BUT GOODBYES DON'T GET THE *WORK* DONE...

SO. ARE WE *DONE* TERRORIZING MY CLIENTS NOW?

OR DO I NEED TO INSERT THIS SOMEWHERE *PAINFUL?*

YOU HEARD HER! THAT WAS A *CLEAR THREAT OF BODILY HARM! ARREST* THIS EMERALD SHYSTER! I WANT HER *DISBARRED-- PERMANENTLY,* THIS TIME!

ARREST *ALL OF THEM! NOW!*

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

YEAH. WHAT YOU *WAITING* FOR?

'CAUSE I'M *RIGHT HERE...*

IT, UH...

IT AIN'T A *GOOD IDEA,* BOSS.

SORRY.

WHAT DID YOU SAY TO ME--

HE SAID IT WASN'T A *GOOD IDEA.*

HE'S *RIGHT.*

HAVE YOU ANY *IDEA* HOW MANY *LAWSUITS* ARE BEING SET UP AGAINST YOU *RIGHT NOW* BY PEOPLE YOU'VE *BRUTALIZED* OVER *PETTY OFFENSES?*

AND YOU WANT TO ADD *MORE?*

THE LAW IS NOT YOURS TO *MAKE UP*, SPIDER-MAN. THERE IS STILL SUCH A THING AS *PROBABLE CAUSE* IN THIS COUNTRY.

IF I WERE YOU, I'D WALK AWAY *NOW* AND *PRAY* MR. CAGE AND MS. JONES DON'T DECIDE TO SUE YOU *AND* MAYOR JAMESON FOR THE WEBS ON YOUR BACK.

BECAUSE I PROMISE YOU, THE COURT CASE WILL BE VERY *LONG*. VERY *PUBLIC*. VERY *THOROUGH*.

ARE YOU REALLY READY FOR *THAT* KIND OF SPOTLIGHT?

YOU CAN'T INTIMIDATE *ME*, YOU--I MEAN-- YOU--

I--

TAKE YOUR TIME.

THINK IT *THROUGH*.

OH, *ENOUGH* OF THIS. *SPIDERLINGS*-- YOU'RE ALL *FIRED*.

AS FOR *YOU*, CAGE--YOU CAN *KEEP* YOUR LITTLE SIDESHOW.

I HAVE THE *REAL* AVENGERS ON MY SIDE. PEOPLE WHO *APPRECIATE* MY IDEAS.

I DON'T NEED *YOU*...

MAN. AYN RAND'S A HELL OF A DRUG.

THANKS FOR THE *SAVE*, JEN. COULD'VE BEEN *EMBARRASSING*.

MORE THAN *THAT*, LUKE.

I DON'T THINK YOU TWO UNDERSTAND HOW LEGALLY *VULNERABLE* THIS WHOLE VENTURE *IS* RIGHT NOW. TRUST ME, WE HAVE A *LOT* OF WORK TO DO.

WELL, WE CAN TALK ABOUT *THAT* STUFF ON THE WAY TO *DAVE'S*.

IN FACT, ME AND YOU COULD GET A *COFFEE* ON THE WAY BACK--MAKE A DAY OF IT. YOU OKAY MINDING THE *STORE*, LUKE?

YOU AND *JEN?* I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T--

WAIT.

TALK ABOUT *WHAT* STUFF?

LAWYER STUFF.

TAXI!

SURE. BORING, BORING *LAWYER STUFF.*

MOSTLY.

UH...*EXCUSE* ME? MISTER *CAGE?*

MAN, ARE YOU PEOPLE STILL *HERE?* YOU WANT TO GO *ANOTHER* ROUND?

NO! GOD NO! IT'S, UM... IT'S JUST... THAT...

...ARE YOU GUYS *HIRING* RIGHT NOW?

IT'S JUST THE BANK *FORECLOSED* ON ME--I COULD *REALLY* USE THE WORK--

I GOT A *DAUGHTER* NEEDS *BRACES*--

COULD-- COULD WE *SUE* HIM? WRONGFUL DISMISSAL? COULD YOU *HELP* WITH THAT?

UNBELIEVABLE.

CLEAN YOUR *MESS.* GET THIS STREET MOVING BEFORE SOMEONE COMES TO ARREST *YOUR* ASSES.

AFTER *THAT*--

--I AIN'T MAKING *PROMISES,* BUT IF YOU NEED *HELP?*

COME ON *IN.*

Come in We're

WE'RE *OPEN.*

THE MIGHTY AVENGERS

Come in We're OPEN

THE ASSEMBLY!

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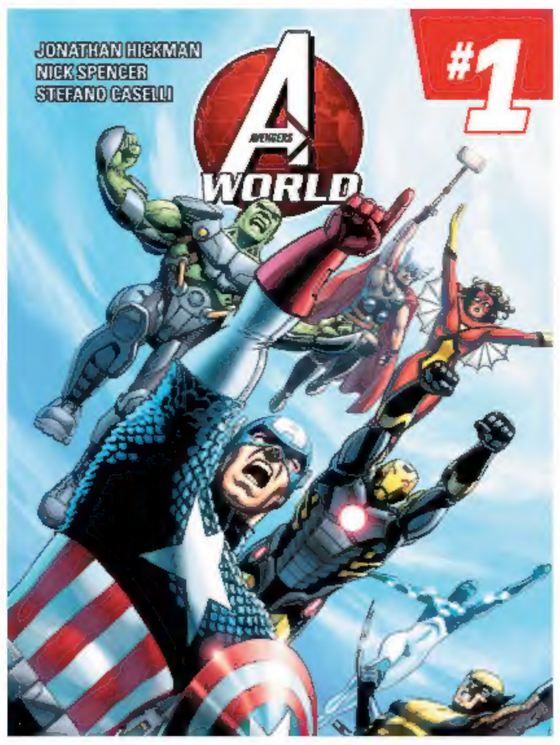
As everybody knows, it's an Avengers world now—we all just live in it! And what better way of underlining that point than with the **ALL-NEW MARVEL NOW!** launch of **AVENGERS WORLD**, with two full issues shipping this month! The brainchild of Nick Spencer working hand-in-hand with primary **AVENGERS** scribe Jonathan Hickman, and adroitly illustrated by Stefano Caselli, this brand-new global series will spotlight the Avengers in action around the planet and beyond it! It'll be taking the place of the second AVENGERS issue we've been producing every month, at least until poor Jonathan Hickman's brain can cool down from working on INFINITY, so it's going to be a crucial part of the overall AVENGERS picture!



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It's got nothing to do with the Avengers per se, but we couldn't let the month go by without mentioning how excited we are to finally be getting **MIRACLEMAN** back into print after all these years! A high watermark in the evolution of super hero stories, the groundbreaking series has been completely remastered, re-lettered and re-colored so as to re-present it in the finest way possible. Whether you've never read the series before, or if you were one of the select few who followed it starting in WARRIOR way back when, you'll not want to miss **MIRACLEMAN #1** and **#2**! Kimota!

And to wrap us up, here's a testament to a very special Avengers fan, courtesy of his mother Marlene Waldron:

Jonathan Waldron, at age 17, hadn't done anything amazing for the world. There was no cure for cancer, he didn't create a foundation to stop world hunger, and he wasn't a musical prodigy. What he was, though, was the bravest person anyone who knew him could say they met. Jon had cystic fibrosis, a lung disease that affects every sufferer differently, and in his case he was so sick that by the age of 12 he needed a lung transplant. Thankfully he got one and he was able to live, to be a child playing and running, joining in with his friends outside without fear of not being able to breathe. Jonathan made new friends, played with his brother and sister and focused on his passion: video games, online games and the Marvel Universe. After having been sick for so long, he had become a technophile and loved watching movies, looking up trivia and knew things about movies and games before anyone else did. For four years he flourished with his new lungs. He had setbacks, and sometimes it was rough having to take so much medication to stay healthy and keep his own body from fighting against the new lungs, yet he persevered.

But in the early months of 2013, his body did rebel and he went into rejection, needing yet another lung transplant. After being in the hospital during this past summer, he had to undergo some pretty intense procedures just so he could remain long enough for that second transplant. And he did them all with the bravery of a seasoned warrior on a battlefield. Jon had to have a life support system started in July which bypassed his lungs since they were unable to work on their own now. With hoses coming out of his neck, he got up and walked, every day, gritting his teeth against the pain as he powered on. He was the first person at his hospital to use the walking ECMO system. His perseverance was an inspiration to so many people, some of whom had never even met him. He was a kind and generous person who would help someone else without a second though, would shovel snow for a neighbor if they needed help, would always offer a kind word or a word of praise for a job well done. He was like this because his own experiences made him humble and he knew how it felt to be down so low.

After being on this life support for a month Jonathan found out that he had developed a rare cancer which made it impossible for him to have a second transplant. With this no longer an option and the life support being limited, this meant that he was not going to be able to celebrate his eighteenth birthday, he was not going to return home, be a senior in high school. But even then, he faced death with his head held high, with a wicked sense of humor and with honor. Some battles can't be won, but they can be fought with bravery, honor, humor, and dignity. And that is how he fought his battle up until the end. Jon was a hero to everyone who met him; he made an impression on everyone he met and no one who met him will forget the impact he made on their lives. He didn't have a super power or ability beyond being the best Jonathan there ever will be. When he fought his last battle on September 7th, 2013 the world lost a true super hero and he will be missed greatly by so many people.

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